

Westfield Council Meeting Again Adjourned Re: Signal Controversy

By LAUREN S. BARR
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WESTFIELD - Mayor Andy Skibitsky, for the second time in recent months, temporarily adjourned Tuesday's Westfield Town Council meeting when audience members began shouting out of order regarding the Central Avenue pedestrian crossing signal.

Greg Kasko, who is running as an independent for council in the Third Ward, began the public comments portion of the meeting saying that while he has asked for a written re-

port to back up the mayor's claims that the current location of the light is safer than locating it at the intersection of Central and Clover, "no such report exists."

Mr. Kasko said that while an unsigned drawing of the light from 2005 places it away from the intersection, there is a video of former councilman Mark Ciarrocca from 2007 where he states the light will be at Central and Clover. Mr. Kasko said that Town Administrator Jim Gildea's comments at the last public meeting regarding an overall decrease in acci-

dents along the Central Avenue corridor is misleading. He said that because of the three accidents since April, there is a 400-percent increase in the number of accidents.

Mayor Skibitsky said that it is untrue and told Mr. Kasko, "you're entitled to your own opinion, but you're not entitled to your own facts."

Mr. Kasko said that according to a report by the town's traffic expert, Gordon Meth, from 2005, there had been 10 accidents at that location over a six-year period. He also charged that there were politics involved in the placement of the light.

Adina Enculescu, in front of whose home the light was placed, asked the council to move the light to the intersection. She said that drivers fail to comply with the light, and do not see it turn red, forcing them to come to a screeching halt and nearly causing accidents. "This doesn't happen because all of the drivers are mentally retarded," she told the council.

Mr. Gildea then approached the microphone to explain that Union County, which installed the project, asked for the three accident reports for review by its traffic-safety professionals. According to Mr. Gildea, the county reported that the accidents were not related to the light and appeared to be driver inattention. He said that the town did ask for a mid-block crosswalk, but that the county chose the light's current location.

Third Ward Councilman Dave Haas reiterated that the town did ask for a mid-block pedestrian signal, and said that he feels "a full light (green-yellow-red) at the corner would be a big mistake."

Resident Maria Carluccio was the next to approach the microphone, where she accused the council of deferring to political pressure in the placement of the light.

Mayor Skibitsky said that, "political pressure will never trump public safety."

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LUNCHEON PLANS...The Woman's Club of Westfield prepares for its scholarship luncheon on Wednesday, November 9, at Echo Lake Country Club. There will be a raffle, tricky tray and music by the Chorale-Choralers of Westfield High School. Last year, eight students received scholarships of \$5,000 each. For information, call (908) 233-2339. Pictured, from left to right, are: Vivian O'Neil, Mildred Beese, Jane Walsweer, Luncheon Chairwoman Pat D'Angelo, Julie Nordone, Sally Brown, Marta Villafane and Ruth Positan.

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STUNNED... Giant fans at John and Carol Lepore's home in Westfield are stunned Sunday while watching the Seahawks intercept Manning's pass on the goal line to win the game.



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LESSON IN CIVICS... Theresa, 3, and Rebecca, 9, daughters of Charlie and Melanie White of Westfield, get firsthand lessons on the Bill of Rights last Thursday at the Occupy Wall Street encampment at Zuccotti Park in Lower Manhattan. The girls hear speakers, observe national media reporting on and interviewing movement participants, see planning workgroups in action and watch the NYPD balance public safety and freedom of assembly concerns.

Council Signal Saga

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At that point, Mrs. Carluccio began yelling that a particular resident was "strong-arming" everyone in the area to keep the light away from the intersection when the light was being discussed several years ago. Despite the mayor's efforts to get Mrs. Carluccio to lower her volume, she shouted that Mr. Gildea would not return her phone calls "because you don't want to get berated by me." She then yelled that another crosswalk was "misplaced" at Highland Avenue and Sinclair Place in a private driveway because Mr. Gildea's parents live there.

When Mayor Skibitsky told her that her 10 minutes at the microphone had expired, she shouted "one of these days you're all going down" and that when someone gets killed in the crosswalk she will go to court and testify against the town when it gets sued.

The mayor asked for an adjournment of the meeting, which was unanimously passed by the council. He then asked Mrs. Carluccio what would happen if the light was moved to the intersection and someone got hurt there.

The entire council then left the dais and spent several minutes in the conference room behind closed doors before retaking their seats and calling the meeting back in session. Gary Shore of Twin Oaks Terrace

said that he has used the light on several occasions, as has his wife, and that they noticed a lack of driver compliance in stopping. He said of the six uses, he has witnessed nine cars have run the light.

Mayor Skibitsky said that pedestrians have to make sure that traffic has stopped before crossing the street, adding that during the light's evaluation period, 600 pedestrians crossed safely.

Mr. Shore said that he has a bad feeling about this particular type of light, which is a HAWK signal, saying, "it's very hard to see this light."

Councilman Haas stated that the police department conducted the evaluation when the crossing guard was on duty. He said it is conceivable to him that there would be a different level of driver compliance with the light when there is no crossing guard standing there with a stop sign.

Mayor Skibitsky said that he admires the residents' persistence, but that he asks residents to be polite at council meetings, as the council members are all volunteers and "we do this because we believe in the Town of Westfield."

Both the mayor and Councilman Haas said that Mr. Gildea is an honorable person, and does his job with good intentions for the people of Westfield.

Cranford Twp. Committee Honors Hurricane Efforts

By FRED T. ROSSI
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CRANFORD — Mayor Daniel Aschenbach on Tuesday presented certificates of appreciation to a number of township departments and officials, local utilities and township volunteers and organizations for their efforts during and after Hurricane Irene.

Calling the August 27-28 storm and its aftermath an "incredible tragedy for the town," the mayor, speaking at Tuesday's township committee meeting, noted that many Cranford homeowners "are still living on the second floor" of their flood-damaged homes while they await appraisals and payments from their insurance companies. Praising the efforts of township employees, the mayor said, "It didn't take much for those who serve you to know what their job was." And speaking of the numerous volunteers who assisted before, during and after the storm, the mayor said, "Those who volunteered knew where to go" to provide help.

The mayor presented certificates to several township departments. Twelve members of the police department, including Police Chief Eric Mason, accepted a certificate as audience members stood and applauded. The mayor presented a certificate to the fire department, citing its "remarkable job" in recruiting residents and pumping out flooded basements.

The township Department of Public Works, along with Township Engineer Richard Marsden, were presented with certificates for their efforts preparing for the storm and, in its wake, picking up some 90,000 tons of household and other debris. The mayor praised the downtown management corporation for its assistance to the business community, which was affected both by the flooding and the lack of electricity for several days.

The mayor presented the first aid squad with a certificate, telling its seven representatives that "we appreciate very much all of your efforts." A representative of Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) was given a certificate to acknowledge the utility's efforts in restoring power, which was out for several days after the storm. The township's building department was praised for its "incredible job" in processing several hundred building permits last month as homeowners began to rebuild and repair their houses.

The mayor also praised the staff of TV-35 for their efforts in keeping residents informed during the storm.

Mayor Aschenbach also singled out for praise Mr. Mason, who also serves as acting township administrator, and Township Attorney Daniel McCarthy, saying they had been "incredible at serving the community during the past month."

Later in the meeting, Mayor Aschenbach provided further post-hurricane information, saying that the task force looking into the future of the municipal building will meet today, October 13. The ground floor of the building was severely damaged in the storm, resulting in several municipal offices being relocated to temporary trailers in the municipal parking lot. The task force will report its recommendations by late November.

The Rahway River Watershed Conference will be held on Friday, October 21, at Union County College in an effort to develop flood control solutions in conjunction with other towns along the river, both upstream and downstream. And the Army Corps of Engineers will hold a preliminary presentation on its report regarding the stability of the river's dike system on Monday, October 17, with a public presentation to follow shortly afterwards.

In other business, the mayor appointed Carol Berns to the environmental commission, replacing Linda MacMenamie, who resigned. The mayor also reminded residents that the annual CROP Walk for Hunger will take place on Sunday, October 23.

During a brief exchange with Republican township committee candidate Lisa Aduabato, Mayor Aschenbach defended a letter he included with the recently-mailed sewer tax bills after Ms. Aduabato accused him of using the "tragedy that's affected our town" to promote his own re-election prospects next month with taxpayer funds.

The mayor said it was "important to let residents know we're there for them" in the aftermath of the hurricane, and told Ms. Aduabato that other mayors had included letters with tax bills. He also defended the separation of the sewer bill, saying that it could not be folded back into the overall municipal budget —subject to a 2-percent state-mandated cap — without cutting 21 municipal positions.

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ment of Transportation) project is crawling along," referring to work being done on the 200 block of Myrtle Avenue, with 30 percent of the curbing completed.

Mr. Guarriello also recommended the council hire a site licensed remediation professional (SLRP) to complete the oil tank removal remediation because the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is taking too long, and this person will "streamline" matters and complete the task "quicker." He said he received two bid proposals, one from Slack for \$8,400 and one from Hatch Mott MacDonald for \$34,000.

The differences he said were that one included pricing for a temporary well, and the other a permanent well, and Slack's proposal was to remove five tons and Hatch Mott MacDonald's was for 40 tons, but based on Slack's rates he would figure if 40 tons were needed to be removed that it would only ramp up its cost some \$6,000. He said it would not be known how much contaminated soil would need to be removed until the testing is completed by the SLRP.

Members of the council asked the mayor to address the tree stump from the downed tree on Oak Street caused by Hurricane Irene, saying it is a liability issue.

Last Thursday at North Avenue and Walnut Street, a minivan accidentally drove into a pole, causing damage to the borough's planter and the decorative lamppost owned by PSE&G, as well as leaving electrical wires dangling. The pole and electrical wiring is now repaired. PSE&G is responsible for fixing the lamppost and the borough will seek insurance reimbursement from the driver's insurance.

Anne Kettles of Cranford asked that her father, George Casabona, mayor of Garwood from 1962-1964, along with other mayors who were "instrumental in erecting the Garwood underpass" have a plaque made up with their names honoring this legacy.

"My father three-and-a-half weeks ago almost died," she said. "I feel he should have this done before he dies." The mayor said she would speak with her privately.

Many residents asked when the recreation complex would be completed. The council has no concrete date, but Borough Clerk Christina Ariemma said she expects that the borough attorney will have completed reviewing the bid specifications by early next week. Then it will be advertised for 30 days, and once the bids are received the council has up to 60 days to award the bid, and it takes three weeks to sign a contract. Mr. Guarriello said re-

garding next year's baseball season, "I think we realized it was going to be one season lost."

Finance Committee Chairman Jim Mathieu said revenue collections for September were "more than double" from last September at \$109,425.

The council unanimously approved a maintenance contract for a generator.

In a 5-1 vote, with Councilman Mathieu opposing, the council passed the amendment to set fees for borough police officers' work outside of their jobs. "I'm going to vote no on it because I don't understand it," he said, noting he did not receive any paperwork about the amendment. He said the council is "getting into a bad habit" of voting without full knowledge of what is being voted on.

A representative from the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) will address the council regarding the extension of the lease with Covanta at the next council meeting on Tuesday, October 25. Garwood is one of 14 towns with contracts with the UCUA. The Covanta lease is being extended through 2031.

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BIG EAST... The point conversion was good in the third quarter as Rutgers, dressed in their black uniforms, defeated Pittsburgh 34-10 on Sunday.

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Master Plan Is Guide to Future of Fanwood Parks

By TED RITTER

Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

FANWOOD—A five-year master plan for the borough's parks was presented to Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Borough Council at Tuesday night's regular monthly meeting.

Recreation Director Bob Budiansky explained that the plan, which took about a year for the Recreation Commission and the borough's engineering consultant to complete, includes input from residents, local sports leagues, and other users of the local parks.

Mr. Budiansky said a survey was conducted on-line and in through the Fanwoodian publication; in addition,

there was a public meeting last spring. Although he noted that improvements during the later stages of the plan will likely "depend on funding," Mr. Budiansky said the document provides "a very good...roadmap, a direction for us to go in."

For example, he said "phase one" improvements starting this year include construction of a pavilion at LaGrande Park to be used for special events and picnics.

"We foresee tremendous use of this facility," said Mr. Budiansky, who added that if it proves to be as popular as expected, a similar pavilion might also be constructed at Forest Road Park in the future.

Other first-phase improvements, many of which Mr. Budiansky said will be grant funded, include replacing the LaGrande Park basketball courts, resurfacing and restoring LaGrande's old skating rink, and needed repaving around the LaGrande Park building.

At Forest Road Park, the master plan calls for initial improvements ranging from sports field re-grading and irrigation, a one-third mile "perimeter path" to complete and connect existing sections around the park, and the addition of a "snack shack" as part of storage space reconfiguration.

As the master plan progresses, Mr. Budiansky said later improvements might involve replacing the LaGrande playground and safety netting around the ballfield, tennis court renovations, and options for the "underused" former street hockey rink at Forest Road Park.

However, he said, "Some of this will be rolled forward," if grants and other funds are not available.

"For now, we're focusing on this year and next year," said Mr. Budiansky, pointing out that having a master plan "gives us a more solid footing" to pursue grant opportunities.

Mr. Budiansky said the plan provides "a clear path for future [recreation] commissions and [borough] councils to follow," and he said the master plan's improvements represent "an investment to benefit all residents."

Mayor Mahr agreed and commended the Recreation Commission's work in planning "an investment for safety reasons, aesthetics...while talking all users into account."

The mayor added, "We have seen our recreation programs grow by leaps and bounds," and she said the borough's parks are "a wonderful

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Brian Riordan, director of the Department of Corrections, asked for support of a resolution authorizing County

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In Mr. Britt's opinion, the borough has moved forward on projects without doing sufficient planning, such as with the study for a regional library with neighboring Scotch Plains. That study had called for construction of a \$25-million extension onto the existing Scotch Plains Library and for the closing of the Fanwood Library. "Well, that would not have been an objective that I would have set for a study," Mr. Britt said.

Joining Mr. Britt on the GOP ticket are Jason Benedict, who ran for council last year, and Nicole Cole, a 2009 candidate for county freeholder.

Speaking on the library, Mr. Benedict said he was opposed to locating the joint library in Scotch Plains, a proposal that was killed due to high cost estimates. "We are talking about building a downtown and doing downtown redevelopment. What could have possibly been a worse idea than taking the one destination in Fanwood and moving it into the Scotch Plains business district? How would that possibly have helped Fanwood businesses?" Mr. Benedict questioned.

Mr. Britt said the shared-services study with Scotch Plains was also poorly done, noting that "a significant amount of the data was outdated already which skewed all the numbers" for the report. He said the report was released a year late. "It wasn't planned ahead, it wasn't overseen

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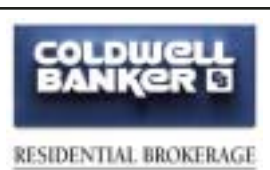


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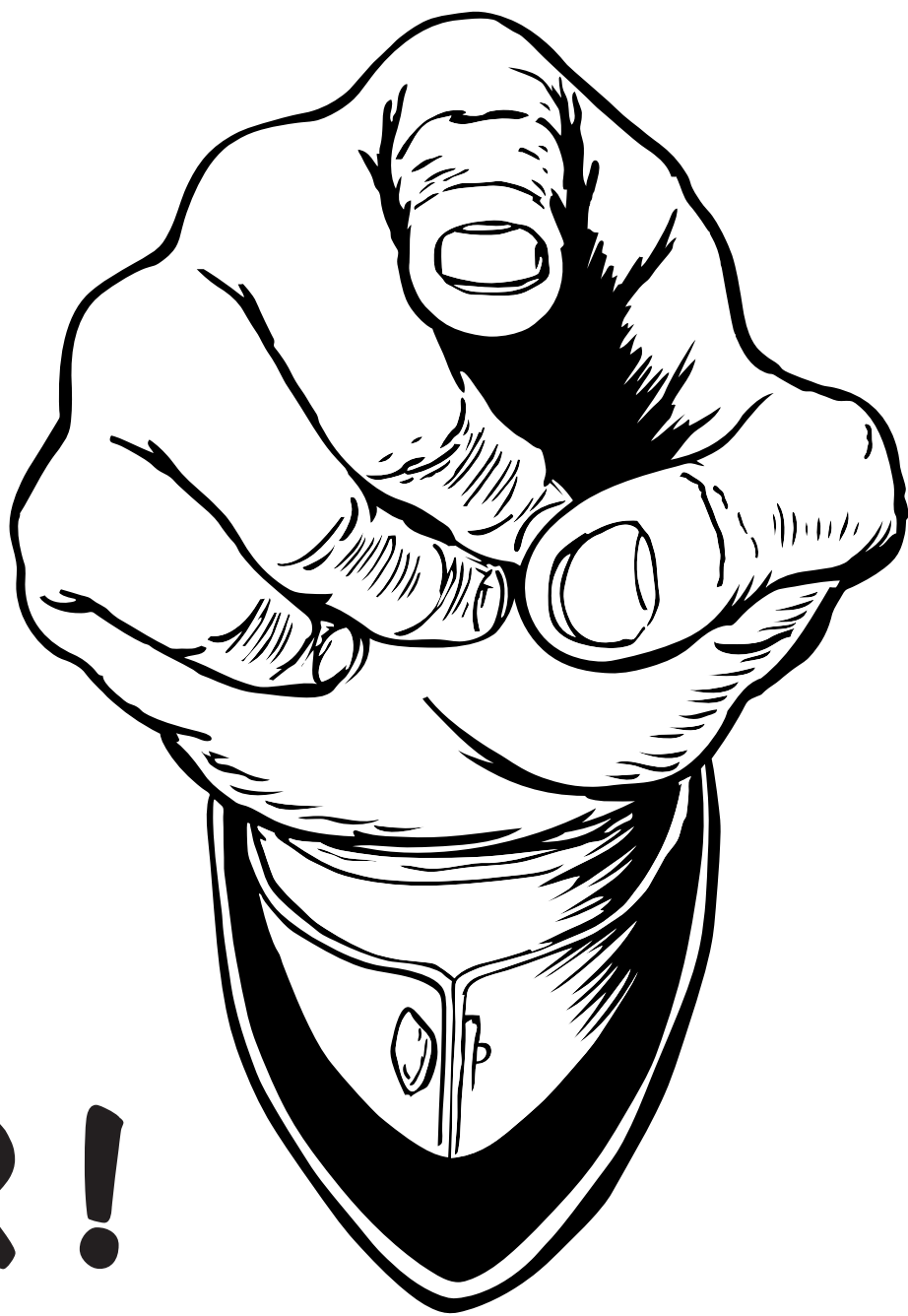
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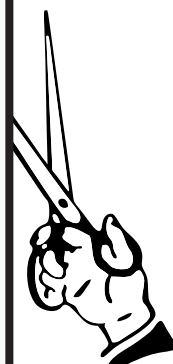
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County Electronics Recycling, Paper Shredder Event Scheduled for Oct. 22

NEW PROVIDENCE – The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event for electronic equipment and unwanted paper documents on Saturday, October 22, so Union County residents can get rid of unwanted computers, televisions and other electronic equipment, and shred old personal documents.

The recycling event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcatel-Lucent Technologies facility at 600 Mountain Avenue in New Providence.

All Union County residents are eligible to participate at no cost. There is a limit of six electronic items and/or four bags/boxes of paper per car.

Electronic equipment that will be accepted on October 22 include computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPU's, mice, printers, scanners, speakers, televisions, VCR's, fax machines, telephones, and circuit boards.

All that residents need to do is drive to the site with their electronic equipment and unwanted personal documents. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles. Pre-registration

is not required.

Refrigerators, washers and dryers, microwaves, and air conditioners will not be accepted. A complete list of the materials that will be accepted is available at the Union County Bureau of Recycling and Planning website ucnj.org/recycle.

The electronics collection will be held rain or shine for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of county residency is required.

The October 22 paper-shredding event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. The shredding event will end before 2 p.m. if the shredding truck reaches capacity. There is a limit of four boxes/bags per person. Documents should be unbound with plastic binders and paperclips removed. Residents should recycle non-confidential papers and magazines with their municipal recycling programs.

Shredding may be cancelled in the event of extreme bad weather. Please call the Recycling Hotline for more information about future events, directions, or event day cancellation at (908) 654-9889.



MOVING FORWARD... Ricky Abichandani, second from left, accepts a check from the Fanwood Democratic candidates Mayor Colleen Mahr, Councilman Russell Huegel, right, and council candidate Kevin Boris towards his Eagle Scout project. Ricky, a member of Fanwood Troop 33, has selected to design and build a "Welcome to Fanwood" sign. The donation provided by the Committee to Elect Mahr, Huegel and Boris has provided the final dollars to move forward with his project with completion slated for spring 2012.

**Campaign 2011
Fanwood GOP Candidate Accepts Support From Former Colleague**

FANWOOD-- "I was delighted to hear that Joe Britt is the Republican candidate for mayor of Fanwood this year. Joe served as my chief of staff when I headed the New Jersey Department of Banking during Governor Whitman's term of office.

"While Joe's main mission was to prepare the department for a merger with the Department of Insurance, he also undertook initiatives to improve the response rate of the consumer complaints unit and to provide timely information on bank mergers and acquisitions to the county clerks for their records management of deeds and mortgages.

"He established a reputation as a manager who mastered details and

SBA Opens Business Recovery Center in Plf.

REGION – The U.S. Small Business Administration has opened a business recovery center to assist business owners seeking disaster assistance for losses caused by Hurricane Irene at the New Jersey Small Business Development Center (NJSBDC) at Kean University-Incubator, 320 Park Avenue, Plainfield. The center open is weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kean Calls on Stop to 'Robo' Calls To Those With Student Loan Debt

TRENTON — Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21, Westfield) released the following statement regarding a formal proposal, submitted by President Barack Obama, that would authorize private debt collectors to call the cell phones of people delinquent on student loans and other debts owed the federal government. Debt collectors may currently make "robo" calls to landlines but not to cell phones:

"I am appalled President Obama has aligned himself with the private debt collection industry to expand their ability to make harassing 'robo' calls to people's cell phones. The vast majority of these overdue obligations appear to be student loans. The President, more than anyone else, should understand that people are not repaying their school loans because they

cannot find a job. Recent graduates are among the hardest hit groups as record unemployment continues under the Obama Administration. Invasive phone calls are not the answer. Effective, meaningful job growth is the only way to ensure that Americans can get back on their feet and out of debt. I plan to introduce a resolution in the State Senate urging our Congressional delegation to use their influence to put a stop to Obama's intrusive debt collection proposal. I will call upon my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to support this common-sense resolution. We must send the President a message to halt the expansion of this harassment scheme and to rededicate his efforts to getting Americans back to work."



PROMOTED... James Martinelli of Westfield, the son of Patty McCullough and Richard Martinelli, was recently promoted to U.S. Air Force captain. James graduated in 2007 from George Washington University and has done tours in England, Africa, and Europe and is currently stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

Election 2011

Garwood GOP Sets Campaign Event

GARWOOD — The Garwood Republican Campaign is sponsoring a GOP Voter Awareness Night to introduce Carol Kearney and Steve Blaufeder, candidates for the Garwood Council. This event will be held at the Garwood Knights of Columbus, 35-43 South Avenue, Garwood, on Saturday, October 22 from 7 to 11 pm.

Entertainment by the Brother John Brown Band along with a buffet and soda are included at a price of \$30 per person. A cash bar will be available. Contact Pat and John Quattrocchi at (908) 451-9988 to make a reservation and for any additional information. Make checks payable to the "Garwood Republican Campaign."

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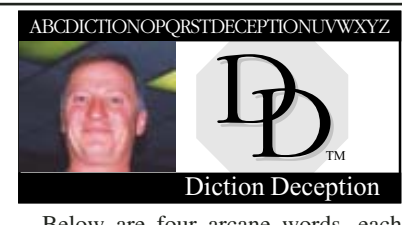
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Letters to the Editor

Running Border Collies At The Mindowaskin Geese Is A Humane Way

I commend the [Westfield] Town Council and Friends of Mindowaskin for the public-private partnership that has resulted in a contract for border collies to chase the Canadian geese out of Mindowaskin Park...



Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions - only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

- Answers to last week's arcane words. 1. Rousant - In heraldry, designating a bird, rising as if preparing to fly...

Do Traffic Signals Make Matters Better Or Is The Real Issue The Amount Of Traffic?

Proposals for new traffic signals in neighborhoods - such as the one proposed for the intersection of Clover Street and Central Avenue in Westfield - create controversy.

There have been petitions from neighborhood groups to stop the light. Then there's the "backpack brigade" - where memos are sent home from school with the kids to parents to promote the project.

The traffic signal project at Central Avenue and Clover is now complete, but the controversy is more embittered than ever over the implementation.

Whether or not this light proves sensible, isn't the real issue the amount of traffic? Traffic is like water rolling downhill - if it is stopped in one place, it will flow somewhere else.

The Westfield Board of Health Provides Dead Animal Information

Regarding the pick-up of dead animals on public property and streets, a clarification: For concerns regarding all animals except deer, residents can call the town's free animal control service program at the Associated Humane Society, (973) 824-7080.

See more letters on page 5

Letters to the Editor

Grateful, Thank You to All Dear Ones

Through the courtesy of your paper, I wish to convey our grateful thanks to all you dear ones who offered to us, in whatever way, loving sympathy on the death of my husband, Eardly.

Council Candidate Westfield Ward One Openness, Visioning and Public Consultation, Tim Van Epp

I am Tim Van Epp, the Democratic candidate for Westfield Town Council for the First Ward. Our views may be better represented and our tax money better spent if Town Council business were conducted more in the open.

take small steps to improve our town's future and continue to enjoy the quality of life we have while helping to reduce costs and improve the way our town, businesses and residents work together.

Cherokee Court Resident Praises 'Lone Ranger' Ending 'Tobacco Road'

Since December 2005, the residents of Cherokee Court having been living next to an "eyesore" house under construction on Cherokee Court.

Helen Petersen and Family Westfield

November 8 Campaign

Public candidate forums will be held at the municipal buildings for the Fanwood and Westfield elections. They will be televised on the local TV stations.

Sontz, Westfield Ward Three Candidate, Discusses Fire Department

I am Matt Sontz, the Democratic candidate for Westfield Town Council for the Third Ward. Our fire department provides essential protection for us. We need to provide our fire department with the personnel and equipment they need.

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We Should All Be Very Suspicious of Aschenbach and His Ties to UC Dems

Our election this year is a very important one. Dan Aschenbach, a career politician, seeks re-election and as usual claims to have all the solutions to Cranford's problems. Based on his history we should all be very suspicious of him and his close association with the Union County Democrat machine that still has not kept its promise of support for Cranford's flood control project. Kevin Campbell, who stands to be mayor should Mr. Aschenbach win the election, is on record opposing further funding of flood control efforts. Do I have your attention yet?

I write as one who served as Cranford's township engineer for 11 years; a pro bono activist on flood control matters for 28 years; and as an advisor and member of the Flood Advisory Committee. I write as a 93-year elder, having 70 years of diverse engineering and military experience as a U.S. Naval Ordnance Officer (World War II) as an engineer, and as one who has experienced the crisp decision making of the military that has served me well during my professional career.

I also write as one who during his tenure as township engineer saw four major flood control projects initiated and completed, relieving many residents from the ravages of chronic flooding. (These projects do not include construction of the Gregory A. Sgroi Pump Station on Riverside Drive.) I believe that these factors qualify me to challenge many of Mr. Aschenbach's absurd statements and rambling letters to the editor inflicted upon the public during the past two decades.

Mr. Aschenbach's failures fall into these categories: inability to make tough decisions; always wanting to restudy programs designed by proven professionals; always caving into the NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) mentality; second guessing; and a tendency for making intemperate, arbitrary, false and unreasonable statements.

For example, when four easements were required for the construction of the express sewer from Brookdale Road to the Rahway River, he begged and pleaded on bended knee, but it took him five years to acquire the four easements. In a matter of weeks my staff and I obtained the 32 easements for the Brookside detention basin and downstream channel.

For the alignment of the express sewer, he caved to the NIMBY mentality and caused a restudy for a "better" alignment. The cost was \$20,000 and consumed several months while yielding nothing positive.

During March 2001, Mr. Aschenbach and members of his majority questioned the competence of Killam Associates (a leading engineering firm in New Jersey and beyond) to continue

with our flood control program. Aschenbach retained Camp Dresser & McKee to "evaluate" Killam Associates. This action cost \$32,000, pushed the project into 2002, and confirmed the competence of Killam.

On April 30, 2002, voting on a resolution prepared by me before the Flood Advisory Committee to approve the Killam alignment of the express sewer, Mr. Aschenbach supported it enthusiastically. When it came time for the official vote by the Township Committee on August 13, 2002, Aschenbach "flip flopped" and voted for a "political" alignment with two minority and renegade Republicans.

These four blunders cost the township \$102,000, delayed the express sewer project by more than two years, and subsequently decreased the value of the \$9.25-million bond ordinance by \$757,666 due to escalation of costs (*Engineering News Record*, a respected construction publication). These delays prevented completing the overall flood control project and caused costs to escalate exponentially.

When the township acquired the Dr. Hanson property on Springfield Avenue and there was discussion of its best use, Mr. Aschenbach proposed an "office park." Imagine multi-story buildings with huge parking lots in a prime residential area.

On February 26, 1998 (*Cranford Chronicle*), Mr. Aschenbach writes of removing silt from the river on a "cost benefit basis," and his advisors tell him that removing silt from the river is only of aesthetic value, despite evidence to the contrary.

He has made many irresponsible statements on flood control, such as he did before the Flood Advisory Committee, stating that the Killam flood control plan would manage the Floyd flood of September 16, 1999, for which there is no solution. That was an absolutely irresponsible statement - blatantly false and a fabrication.

Similarly, his April 18, 2002 letter to the *Chronicle* spoke of improving the flow of the Rahway River by 20 percent, apparently by waving a magic wand at it.

His procrastinations, second guessing, and delays have cost taxpayers nearly a million dollars and prevented completion of Phase II A and B - that is, the pump station and all storm sewers which have to be connected to the pump station for maximum efficiency.

This upcoming election should be about accountability and responsibility. I support the candidates that pledge to be accountable, responsible and to make flood control a priority in Cranford.

Gregory Sgroi
Cranford

Letters to the Editor

Most Exciting and Gutsy Football; Westfield HS 37 to Union HS 35

I don't think I've ever seen as exciting and gutsy a football game at Westfield High School as the 37-35 win over Union on Friday, October 7.

I've been watching WHS football since the 1950's. I've seen Montclair take a 20-0 lead in the first quarter against a Kehler team in the 1960's, but lost to Westfield 60-20. I saw Glen Kehler's five touchdown crushing of Plainfield in the early 1960's. I've seen the 1977 Meadowland state championship win over Barringer before 37,000 at Giant Stadium. But I'm not sure any of them were as exciting as Westfield 37, Union 35.

The first half was steady, close football with Westfield kicking a field goal near the end of the first half to go up 10-7. Union hadn't done much in the first half. Westfield missed a few chances, but had what seemed a comfortable 10-7 lead.

The second half was a track meet. Westfield couldn't stop Bogan, a 10th grader and one of two to three great Union County running backs in 2011. He ran for 307 yards, scored five touchdowns with most of it in the second half. He was literally unstoppable. But each time he scored, Westfield came back with a touchdown.

There were an incredible seven lead changes in the game. That's the most I've ever seen in a single game - from 0-7 to 10-7, from 10-7 to 10-14, from 10-14 to 17-14, from 17-14 to 17-21, from 17-21 to 24-21, from 24-21 to 31-35 and finally from 31-35 to 37-35. Lead changes are excit-

ing. There were at least three inside kick attempts. Even in extremely close games, there is usually only one on-side kick. In the first one, Union was offside and was penalized. In a second one, Westfield caught and held onto the 10-yard kick. In the third one, Union recovered the kick and, almost immediately, Bogan scored.

But, the most exciting part was yet to come. Union went ahead 31-35 with 37 seconds to play and Westfield 55 yards away, but needing a touchdown (a field goal wouldn't have done it). With three timeouts available, Westfield got the ball to the Union 25 yard line in five plays. Great use of the clock. They had seven seconds on the clock and one play left.

Coach DeSarno called a half back go option play and James O'Rourke, the half back, threw a 25 yard strike (his only pass of the game as he's a running back) to Mike Stravach as he crossed the goal line as time ran out.

The crowd was completely demoralized when Union went up 31-35 with 37 seconds to play. But, it was completely transformed to ecstasy in an unbelievable comeback as time ran out. The crowd stayed around for a long time, drinking it in.

James O'Rourke, Peter Ondi, Nate Mitchell, Mike Stravach were gutsy. It was the most exciting Westfield High football game I've ever seen.

Lee M. Hale, Chairman
Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame

Canada Geese Facts

WESTFIELD - The Town of Westfield is employing Border Collies to control geese in Mindowaskin Park. The company, Goose Runners, is a family owned and operated business that humanely and successfully herds and rids properties of Canada geese, using highly trained and skilled Border Collies.

Services Offered: Canada Goose Control (Controlling of Canada geese on the property using trained Border Collies.); Border Collies act as a natural predator with their stalking and eye.; environmentally friendly and a humane method. "Long-Term Solutions: Egg Ad- dling (The humane process of population control as directed by New Jersey and the Humane Society); long-term population control; less likely to have over protective parents harassing people; egg and nest documentation."

"Goose Dogs: All of our Border Collies have been professionally competed in sheepdog trials and are still being competed. Our dogs are also child friendly, as they are all family raised and some have participated in a 4H program teaching responsibility and respect to animals.

"Goose Facts: wingspan is between 18 and 22 inches; life span is about 20 years; Canada Geese mate for life; spend about 12 hours a day grazing on grasses, roots and other plant material; geese weigh about 20 to 25 pounds; nesting is usually between March and June; incubation period for eggs is between 28 and 30 days; average number of eggs in a clutch is about five; mother goose waits until all eggs are laid before she begins to sit on the nest to incubate eggs.

Candidate Kasko Discusses Police Dept. Hiring and Taxpayer Efficiency

I was pleased to see Mr. LoGriprio respond to my request for his position on such matters as transparency and public safety. He responded as any appointee of the Mayor might respond. He deflected and avoided.

Mr. LoGriprio indicates that the heads of department are qualified individuals but neglects to point out that the P.B.A., made up of members of the police department, voted "no-confidence" in the Chief of Police. The Town Council has made no inquiry and the matter remains in the shadows.

Mr. LoGriprio reminds us that tax dollars must be spent wisely. The Parking Department/Bureau within the police department was headed by a recently retired police detective sergeant with 25 years experience at a salary of approximately \$120,000. The job requires no police experience and could easily be handled by a civilian at a starting salary of about \$50,000. The previous head of the parking department was a civilian special policeman making a significant amount less than the detective sergeant; over \$40,000 less. When the detective sergeant was moved to parking it created a vacuum, which had to be filled etc. etc. This is mismanagement approved by the town administrator and inferentially, the Town Council.

The use of uniformed police officers in the civilian jobs of secretary or administrative assistant in the records bureau is a waste of talent and money.

When we get to the matter of transparency, I made a suggestion concerning the confidentiality normally sought by and used by the Town. Mr. LoGriprio deflects the suggestion by saying that vendors have a right to secrecy in their proprietary matters. He is correct. Allow the vendors to maintain such proprietary secrets but, don't let the Town hide its court settlements and other tax-money expenditures by requiring the other party to the contract to confidentiality. and then refuse to answer questions because the Town is bound by confidentiality.

Concerning transparency, look at the numerous versions offered by the Town concerning when and by whom decisions were made concerning the pedestrian activated light on Central Ave., 100 feet south of Clover St. First, we heard that the public meetings determined the location of the light. That was in 2005. Then we are told that unsigned drawings were made and dated after the last meeting. This was to defend the light block light as decided in 2005. The proponent of the pedestrian activated light, former Councilman Mark Ciarrocca, ran for office in 2007 and, on TV, states his promise to put the light on the corner of Central and Clover. In 2010 and 2011 he said numerous other things.

I made a suggestion that in matters of public safety we have independent expert advice and that the report be made in writing and available to the public. Mr. Lo Grippio thinks this shows a warped view of government.

For months the Mayor and former Councilman Ciarrocca flaunted their dependence on the advice of their traffic expert Gordon Meth who was hired because no one had the experience. My suggestion is to expand on this and allow the public to know what is being planned which affects public safety and to give their opinion.

At present, the number of firefighters has been lowered to a dangerous minimum. The police numbers, at least in uniform that patrol our streets, is so low that response time has been affected. When these decisions were made, they were made after consultation with the budget, not an expert in police or fire safety. The public has been misled by statements that there has been no impact on public safety. Mr. LoGriprio, as an appointee of those responsible for those decisions, seems to agree.

Again, I request a response to my specific suggestions and facts to show where I am wrong.

Greg Kasko, Ind.
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FCC Welcomes Community To Cabaret/Basket Auction

WESTFIELD—The First Congregational Church (FCC) invites all to a benefit cabaret show and basket auction on Saturday, October 22, at 7 p.m. in the church's Patton Auditorium, located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. All proceeds will benefit the Pastor's Discretionary Fund for use in times of crisis.

Entitled "October Surprise," the evening will feature a lively revue of show tunes and comedy under the direction of award-winning cabaret pianist Joe Regan.

Mr. Regan, FCC assistant director of music, is a professional pianist/singer who performs at piano bars and private events throughout the New York area. He currently can be seen at "Don't Tell Mama" in Manhattan and on weekends at 16 Prospect Wine Bar in Westfield.

First hosted by the FCC Stewardship Committee in 2003, October Surprise has become an annual event. This is the first year the performance will be open to the public. Admission will be free and raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win multiple gift baskets assembled around various themes.

Elaine Brier, a singer/actress/writer known for her comedic songs, will once again share the stage with Mr. Regan. Joining them will be professional actors Michael Dundon, Peter Cummings and Alison Nead, music director of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Garwood. Three amateur singers from the congrega-

tion will round out the cast.

Among the songs to be performed will be cabaret standards by Johnny Mercer and Cole Porter, plus Broadway hits and pop songs from Motown to the present. Comedy numbers, sing-alongs and audience requests will fill out the revue.

Seating is limited and reservations are suggested. Interested persons are asked to contact the church office at (908) 233-2494 or by e-mail at uccfcc@verizon.net. For additional information, visit fccofwestfield.org.

La Leche to Sponsor Postpartum Program

WESTFIELD – The La Leche League of Westfield will sponsor a free talk on Postpartum Depression entitled "Helping Moms with Perinatal Mood Disorders: You Are Not Alone – You Are Not to Blame – With Help, You Will Feel Better."

The program will take place on Wednesday, October 19, at 9:30 a.m. at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

Kathy Morelli, a licensed mental health professional and director of BirthTouch@Counseling and Coaching, will be the featured speaker. She specializes in providing support for women experiencing prenatal and postpartum issues.

Participants will learn the signs of postpartum mood disorders; how to respond to a woman who needs help, and available resources for women suffering from postpartum mood disorders. To respond, e-mail llwestfield@gmail.com.

The La Leche League is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to providing information and support to breastfeeding mothers. Leaders are available via phone and e-mail to assist mothers with breastfeeding difficulties. The group also hosts a free, mom-to-mom support group. Although the primary mission of the organization is to promote breastfeeding, the philosophy extends into such areas as natural childbirth, gentle discipline and nutrition.

Single Jewish Friends To Gather Oct. 23

AREA – The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will hold a Meet and Eat gathering on Sunday, October 23, at noon at Red Lobster Restaurant, located at 635 U.S. Highway Route 1 South in Iselin. The cost is \$3 plus the price of a meal off the menu and tip. To respond, call Roberta at (908) 668-8450 or e-mail roger678@optonline.net.



THE ART OF ORIGAMI... Youngsters participate in a recent origami workshop at the Westfield Memorial Library, which will offer another three workshops as part of "Senbazuru Westfield," a community-wide project to create 10,000 origami cranes. The cranes will be sent to Japan in support of survivors of that country's recent earthquake, tsunami and radiation leaks.

Origami Workshop Series To Continue at Library

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library will continue to offer three origami workshops as part of "Senbazuru Westfield," a community-wide project to create 10,000 origami cranes. The cranes will be sent to Japan, to survivors of the recent earthquake, tsunami and radiation leaks, in keeping with the tradition of Senbazuru, the folding of 1,000 origami cranes to send wishes of goodwill and recovery.

The workshops for grade 4 and up will be held on Sundays, October 16, November 13 and December 11. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., participants will learn basic origami folds and will make simple origami projects. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., experienced origami participants will try out more advanced folding techniques.

Joy Lara, a local poet and painter, spearheaded the project. She will teach the children how to fold the cranes and other origami creations.

"I'm sure that those who participate will feel a connection with the Japa-

Mr. Beck to Speak To SAR Tomorrow

WESTFIELD – The West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet tomorrow, Friday, October 14, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street.

Christopher Beck will be the featured speaker. The topic of the program will be "The influence of the American Revolution on the wars for liberation in South America." The meeting will be open to the public and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the chapter president at (908) 322-2143.

IHM Preschool Program Unites Music and Prayer

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Parish has announced the resumption of a program of musical immersion for preschool children that debuted last year under the direction of IHM Music Director Katie Wills.

Entitled "Making Music Praying Twice," the program is specifically designed for children age 5 and younger and their parents as a means of linking faith and music in a stimulating, age-appropriate manner. Each full session of 10 weekly classes coordinates with both the seasonal and Liturgical calendar.

Children and parents use instruments, toys and scarves as a means to dance, chant, sing, play, and ultimately pray together. Each weekly class lasts from 45 minutes to one hour, with an eye toward young attention spans, and class size is limited to ensure individual attention.

The current session officially began last month but the program is designed to accommodate entry at any point within the 10-week period. During this session, classes can either be scheduled on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. or Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Tuition for the full 10-week session is \$120 for the first child enrolled, with a maximum charge per family of \$170; this would be prorated according to the actual length of participation. The tuition includes a session of 10 classes, two

CDs and a corresponding illustrated songbook with supplemental parental information.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church is located at 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. For additional information, contact Katie Wills in care of the IHM Parish Office at (908) 889-2100 or by e-mail at ihmreled@aol.com.

More information on "Making Music Praying Twice" is available at makingmusicprayingtwice.com.

VFW Essay Contest Open to Students

AREA – Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) District Five, Union County is inviting area students in grades 6 to 8 to compete in the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary "Patriot's Pen Essay Competition." Participants are asked to write a 300- to 400-word essay on the theme "Are You Proud Of Your Country?"

Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners advance to District. District winners compete in the state competition. The state winners compete for more than \$80,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds and an all-expenses trip to Washington, D.C.

The deadline for student entries is Tuesday, November 1. Interested students and teachers should contact their local VFW Post chairman, or District Chairman Joseph McCourt at (908) 889-6605, for the details.

Stage House Dinner To Benefit Resolve

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Resolve Community Counseling Center Board of Directors, in partnership with The Stage House Inn, will host a dinner at the Inn on Tuesday, October 18. Proceeds from the evening will help Resolve continue its mission of providing affordable mental health services.

A specially prepared, four-course \$50 price fixe dinner, with a choice of entrées, appetizers and desserts, plus salad, will be offered. Beverages will be available, or attendees may bring their own beer or wine. Reservation times are flexible.

The Stage House Inn is located at 366 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. To make reservations, call Resolve at (908) 322-9180 or e-mail msw1405@msn.com, and leave one's name, contact information and the number of guests attending.

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LITTLE GROUPE... The Scotch Plains Management Corporation held its first New Car Show on Sunday on East Second Street. This little girl enjoyed the entertainment provided by New Born Kings.

Public Offered Two Chances To Make One Great Wish

WESTFIELD – On Saturday, October 29, 2011, you will be given not one, but *two* opportunities to help raise much needed funds for The Make a Wish Foundation of New Jersey. Beginning at 11 a.m. at the Westfield Armory, the Wheels and Wishes event will kick off with a classic car auction. All reserve prices on items to be auctioned off are set at the discretion of the consignor. Both buyers and sellers are welcome to register for this event through the website, www.wheelsandwishes.com. Tickets are only \$5 each, and \$1 of each ticket purchased will be donated directly to the Make a Wish Foundation of New Jersey. Included in the price of the ticket is admission to a classic car show that will begin at 10 a.m.

As if that's not enough excitement for one day, iBid Auctions has offered another event that begins at 8

p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011, called "Wheels and Wishes and Delicious Dishes." The evening event will host a charity auction of numerous collectors' items, sports memorabilia and donated items from local businesses to benefit The Make a Wish Foundation of New Jersey. For your enjoyment, food pairings and tastings from over 25 of the Westfield area's finest restaurants, pastry shops and caterers will be presented as well as music and dancing. All of this while surrounded by hundreds of beautiful exotic, collector and classic cars! Tickets are \$30 each, all inclusive; \$6 of each ticket sold will be donated directly to the Make a Wish Foundation of New Jersey. So come on out and help grant someone's wish!

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PREPARING FOR THE CELEBRATION... Westfield resident Candace Polow Gorin, a speech-language pathologist at Suburban Speech Center in Short Hills, prepares a poster for the Center's 35th anniversary celebration.

Westfield Resident to Host Speech Center Anniversary

SHORT HILLS – Westfield resident Candace Polow Gorin, a speech-language pathologist at Suburban Speech Center in Short Hills, will host the Center's 35th anniversary celebration on Friday, October 21, from noon to 3 p.m.

The "Afternoon of Fun" will feature a magic show, face-painting, tattooing, balloon artistry, a caricaturist and children's yoga, as well as DVDs, CDs and a raffle for two gift certificates to the Short Hills Mall.

The event, for parents and young children, will be held at Suburban Speech Center's offices at 748 Morris Turnpike in Short Hills. Speech-language pathologists will be on hand to welcome parents and answer questions from guests.

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St. Anne's Rosarians To Meet This Evening

GARWOOD – St. Anne's Rosary Altar Society of Garwood will hold its next regular monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood. Parking is available behind the hall on Willow Avenue.

President Christine Guerriero will welcome all members and call for committee reports. Installation of new members took place at the Communion Breakfast on October 2.

Chairperson Shirley Swayze will give a report regarding the recent 67th Annual Communion Breakfast. Vice-President and Program Chairperson Eleanor Senus has arranged for Father Matthew Mauriello to be the guest speaker at this meeting. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The next Rosary Sunday will be November 6, with recitation of the rosary at 7:40 a.m., followed by Mass at 8 a.m.

Student Raises Money Through 'Pennies for Pucks'

WESTFIELD – Will Gamba, a fourth grader at Tamaques Elementary School, spent his summer vacation shooting weighted pucks as part of his required off-ice training regimen for his travel ice hockey team, the Woodbridge Wolfpack. Will decided to put his hard work and sweat toward a good cause, and asked friends and family to sponsor him through an initiative he called "Pennies for Pucks." Each sponsor donated one penny for every puck Will shot, and when he reached his goal of 2,000 pucks, he had raised a total of \$340 for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

While Will's goal was to reach 2,000 pucks by September 1, Hurricane Irene delayed his progress a few days. However, Will was determined to reach his goal and make a difference in the lives of others. He even tracked his progress and kept his sponsors informed through his website, which he also created himself.

"It was important for me to do 'Pennies for Pucks' because I needed the training for my Wolfpack Hockey team," Will said. "But



ON TARGET... Will Gamba, above, a fourth grader at Tamaques Elementary School, spent his summer vacation shooting weighted pucks as part of his "Pennies for Pucks" campaign, eventually raising a total of \$340 for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

mostly to help people who have been hurt or injured by disasters. I feel great that I reached my goal, and I plan to do it again next year, and maybe try for an even higher target."

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COLUMBUS, Ohio—After months of anxious waiting, winners of the prestigious 2011 America in Bloom national awards program were announced at the annual awards held in Washington, D.C. on October 8.

Westfield was judged on eight criteria: tidiness, community involvement, environmental awareness, heritage, urban forestry, landscape, floral displays, and turf and groundcovers across three sectors: municipal, residential and commercial.

Specially trained judges visited towns of similar populations and spent two days touring the town, meeting municipal officials, residents and volunteers. Westfield received a four bloom rating with special recognition for its efforts in environmental awareness. The judges, Melanie Menachem-

Riggs and Billy Butterfield, noted that the Westfield Memorial Library's installation of a solar panel system makes it a leader in environmental awareness.

Registrations for the 2012 national awards program can be submitted until February 28, 2012.

America in Bloom is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting nationwide beautification programs and personal and community involvement through the use of flowers, plants, trees and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements.

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Best Friend Sale Is Among Events Benefiting Animals

SCOTCH PLAINS – Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption is holding its 50-percent-off Columbus Day sale now through Tuesday, October 18. Most items in the store are 50 percent off, although some exceptions apply. The store is located at 1750 East Second Street in Scotch Plains and is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day except Sunday and Monday.

The Best Friend Rescue group is a not-for-profit organization run solely by volunteers. Store proceeds benefit homeless animals in the group's care. Among the featured items are new shawls, scarves, socks and fall clothing and decorations. Best Friend currently is accepting Halloween costumes and any other holiday merchandise.

The store also serves as a drop-off center for brass, copper, 14-carat gold and sterling silver. Best Friend always is in need of quality donations to restock the shelves.

The organization also is in urgent need of cat food and litter due to the many homeless kittens in its care.

Best Friend's upcoming events include its annual tricky tray/luncheon on Sunday, October 23, at The Westwood in Garwood. Tickets are still available. Additionally, Best Friend will be part of the charity shopping event to be held at Lord & Taylor in Westfield on Wednesday, October 26. Tickets are \$5, which benefits Best Friend and can be purchased at the thrift shop. For more information, call (732) 388-8930 or visit pets waiting for adoption at bestfriend.petfinder.com.

Monetary donations are tax-deductible and are urgently needed by the rescue group. Donations can be sent to Best Friend, P.O. Box 335, Cranford, N.J. 07016.



WALK WITH US...The Eighth Annual North/Central New Jersey Walk Now for Autism Speaks fund-raising and awareness event will take place this Sunday, October 16, at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Two walks will be held, starting at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., with check-in beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, visit walknowforautismspeaks.org/NCNJ or contact the New Jersey Regional Office at (609) 228-7332 or NewJersey@autismspeaks.org.

Realtors Conducting Coat Drive For Needy

WESTFIELD – The 18th annual coat drive, sponsored by the Community Service Committee of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors, is being held through Thursday, November 3.

Men's, women's and children's styles and sizes of coats and jackets are welcome. They will be distributed to local families and charitable

agencies throughout Union County. Coats and wraps may be brought to the Greater Union County Association of Realtors office, located at 767 Central Avenue in Westfield, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All items should be clean and in wearable condition. For further information, call the Association at (908) 232-9000.

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THE PAST COMES ALIVE...The Osborn Cannonball House Museum, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, will be open for the Union County "Four Centuries in a Weekend" annual event this Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 16, from noon to 5 p.m. The theme will be "the invitation to the dance," featuring formal ball clothes from the colonial era through the 1950s. Costumed guides will conduct tours. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ginger Bishop, museum curator; David Biermann, George Person and Rich Palmatari. The museum also is open the first Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

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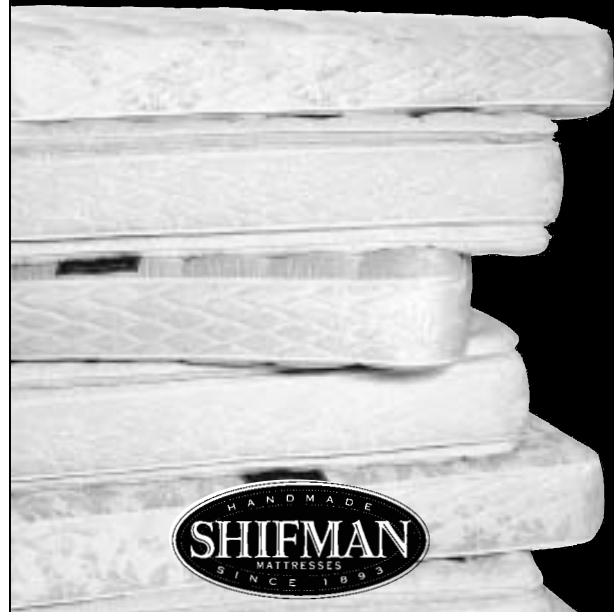
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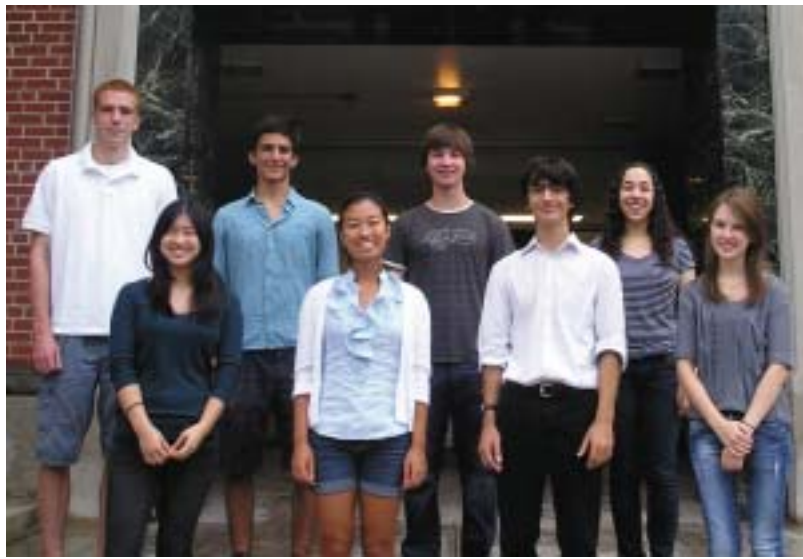
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Hillcrest Academy Students Help Victims of Irene

AREA - On September 28, William Presutti, Superintendent of the Union County Educational Services Commission, Jason Balsamello, Principal of Hillcrest Academy South Campus (HAS), Ann Clark, Community Service Liaison and Paraprofessional, Helen McCreia, Driver and Paraprofessional, and student leaders Darius Webb and Toni Venus visited the Westfield office of Congressman Leonard Lance. The meeting was to discuss the results of school's fundraiser and clothing drive for the victims of Hurricane Irene and to offer HAS's assistance with other community service opportunities within the county.

While there, the student leaders discussed their senior project for the 2011-2012 school year entitled, "We Have A Dream". This project will encompass the school wide theme of respect and guide students through a study of Martin Luther King's speech. Through examining Dr. King's speech, students will see how his message is relevant to their lives today.

As a culminating activity for the project, the HAS seniors will take a day trip to Washington D.C. to visit the MLK Memorial. With the help of Congressman Lances' office, students will also be treated to a tour of Congress, the White House, and other national monuments.



MERIT FINALISTS...Eight Westfield High school students have been named as semi-finalists in the Merit Scholarship Program. Pictured, left to right, top row Thomas Edwards, Leonidas Tolias, Brian Vander-Schaaf, Hannah Margolin; left to right, bottom row, Kathleen Tang, Geena Gao, Nicholas Zahorodny, and Katharine Jaruzelski.

Eight National Merit Semi-Finalists at Westfield HS

WESTFIELD - Westfield High School announced eight seniors have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. They are Thomas Edwards, Leonidas Tolias, Brian Vander-Schaaf, Hannah Margolin, Kathleen Tang, Geena Gao, Nicholas Zahorodny, and Katharine Jaruzelski.

According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high

school seniors and includes the highest scoring entrants in each state on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They will have an opportunity to continue in the competition to become a finalist for 2012 Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered in the spring. In congratulating all the students, Westfield High School Principal, Peter Renwick, noted that their performance "speaks volumes about their abilities and commitment to their education."

Voice of Democracy Contest Open to High-School Pupils

AREA - Commander Dennis Clark of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) District Five, Union County, is offering high-school students the opportunity to participate in this year's VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary "Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition."

Through the audio essay competition, participants have the chance to win thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C., as well as dozens of other awards. Students begin by competing at the local Post level. The deadline for entries at the Post is Tuesday, November 1.

Post winners advance to District. District winners compete in the state competition. The state winner will enjoy a four-day tour of Washington, D.C., along with the winners from every state, the District of Columbia, the Pacific Areas, Latin America/Caribbean and Europe.

During the 63 years that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary have been involved with Voice of Democracy, more than 10 million high-school students have participated. Students compete by writing and then recording a three-

five-minute audio/essay expressing their views of this year's patriotic theme "Is There Pride In Serving In Our Military?"

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Interested students and teachers should contact their local post Voice of Democracy Chairman, or District Chairman Joseph McCourt at (908) 889-6605 for the details. For more information, visit VFW.org.

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Evergreen Participates in Walk to School Day

SCOTCH PLAINS - On October 5, millions of students, parents, teachers and community leaders in New Jersey, the United States and around the world participated in the International Walk to School Day.

This event not only provides an opportunity for promoting exercise but also helps reduce traffic near schools as well as heightening an awareness of our environment.

Evergreen School in Scotch Plains invited "celebrity walkers" to walk with selected children to school on

October 5. Students names were entered in a raffle and the lucky winners walked to school with Superintendent Margaret W. Hayes, Principal Colleen Haubert, Sgt. Sellinger of the Scotch Plains Police Department, Salvatore Spano, Head Custodian of Evergreen School and Colleen Baines, 4th grade teacher and former Evergreen student.

The event was a huge success as many more families than usual were observed walking their children to school!



WALK TO SCHOOL...Students and "celebrity guests" enjoyed the weather and the walk on International Walk to School Day. Pictured, left to right, are: Sal Spano, Colin Dwyer, Anthony Pardo, Superintendent Margaret Hayes, Colleen Haubert, Maisie Shimko, Jade Glassman and Sgt. Sellinger.



HELPING HAND...On September 28, William Presutti, Superintendent of the Union County Educational Services Commission, Jason Balsamello, Principal of Hillcrest Academy South Campus (HAS), Ann Clark, Community Service Liaison and Paraprofessional, Helen McCreia, Driver and Paraprofessional, and student leaders Darius Webb and Toni Venus visited the Westfield office of Congressman Leonard Lance. The meeting was to discuss the results of school's fundraiser and clothing drive for the victims of Hurricane Irene.

Oak Knoll Recognizes Faculty for Years of Service

SUMMIT - The Oak Knoll community gathered on September 20 for the annual Mass of the Holy Spirit - a time for the entire community to collectively pray for a blessed school year. Mass was celebrated by Father Robert E. Reiser of Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City. Father Reiser reminded everyone - faculty and staff included - that each of us has a special gift to share with one another and to appreciate the gifts others give to us each day.

Following the Mass, Head of School, Timothy J. Saburn recognized faculty and staff members who were celebrating anniversary years of service.

Congratulations to the following faculty/staff members: 40 Years of Service: Timothy J. Saburn, Head of School; Joan Leonard, US Library Assistant; and William Mumma, Board of Trustees chairperson

(US History); Anne Lofredo (LS Social Studies and Science); and William Mumma, Board of Trustees chairperson.

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SPF-HS Music Boosters To Host Pasta Night

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Booster Organization welcomes the entire community to their annual Pasta Night on Monday, October 24, from 5 - 8 p.m.

Admission is \$6 per person. Children under the age of three are free of charge. Families of three or more are \$5 each.

The ticket price includes a delicious pasta dinner, beverage and dessert, plus entertainment from some of the music department's award-winning choral groups, including the Sensations A Capella Choir, as well as individual vocalists singing pop and show tunes.

For more information, contact Rose Ann Bravo at (908) 251-4239 or r.bravo2082@comcast.net. Tickets are also available at the door of the SPFHS cafeteria on the night of the event.

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VANBUSKIRK NETS 2 GOALS, CANONE SCORES ONE

Raiders Score Early, Defeat Lady Cougars in Soccer, 3-0

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Finishing was a concern of Head Coach Kevin Ewing when his Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team totally dominated Cranford on its season-opening game on September 8 but only came up with a 1-0 victory.

At Memorial Field in Cranford on October 7, the Lady Raiders, once again, dominated on the offensive side, but this time, they grabbed a 3-0 victory over the Lady Cougars.

The Raiders, who took eight shots at goal in the first half, kept maneuvering around the Cougars' 18-yard

area, which put relentless pressure on goalie Leah Quinn and defenders Annie Vollenbroek and Hannah DeMars. Quinn made three saves in the first half, but the Raiders managed to score all three of their goals during that time.

The first goal came when Jessie Klein launched a corner kick from the right side, and forward Sarah Vanbuskirk charged the box in time to head the ball into the net with 25:20 on the clock.

"We had a corner kick from the right side, and Jessie lofted a perfect ball about at the penalty side, and I was right there and hit it into the back corner," Vanbuskirk explained.

Six minutes later, Raider Christy Monroy drilled a shot from about 30 yards away on the left side, and the ball caromed off the crossbar. Annie Canone got to the ball and headed it in to make the score, 2-0.

"She hit it from the 30-yard line and hit it right off the post, and I banged it in with my head," Canone said.

Later in the half, Julie Glover lofted

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SLIPPING THROUGH FOR A BIG GAIN...Blue Devil running back James O'Rourke, left, escapes the grasp of a Union Farmer and heads for big yardage. O'Rourke threw the winning touchdown to Mike Stravach with 0:00 on the clock.

O'ROURKE HITS STRAVACH FOR TD WITH 0:00 LEFT

Blue Devils Rally in a 'Flash'; Bury Farmer Gridders, 37-35

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Fifty-five yards in 38 seconds! Fifty-five yards in 38 seconds! It happened at Gary Kehler Stadium on October 7 when running back James O'Rourke took a pitchout from quarterback Nate Mitchell and fired a rifle over the middle to split end Mike Stravach, who grabbed the ball in the end zone with no time on the clock for a 23-yard reception to give the Westfield High School football team a dramatic 37-35 victory over Union.

"We weren't really sure why he [Head Coach Jim DeSarno] called a timeout. He said, 'I got a play call.' Usually I look at the receiver to the left, because I am a lefty and I am rolling that way. But we knew they had a safety over top of him, so that probably wouldn't be open. He told me to look for Stravach on the backside post. That's what I did. I just had

to get it over the linebacker. He did the rest. He made a great catch and did a great job getting into the end zone," O'Rourke explained.

Big plays and big numbers highlighted the game from beginning to end. Big play No. 1 came in the first quarter. Linebacker Pat Johnson and defensive end Mike LaFace combined for a six-yard quarterback sack to force a Farmer punt, the Blue Devils got great field position on the Union 46 and drove to the two-yard line. Farmer linebacker Taylor Graves made big play No. 2 when he intercepted Mitchell's pass in the end zone.

"It hurts. It always hurts. You feel it in your gut. There is nothing you can say about it, but we rebounded. It's always until the last bell. You can't stop," said cornerback/flanker Pete Ondi, who put big numbers up with eight receptions for 118 yards.

"We didn't want to quit. It is tough

to come back from a start like that, to get so close then turn the ball over. We tried to forget about it and let it go, and kept playing the game," said O'Rourke, who finished with 151 rushing yards on 30 carries.

The 4-1 Blue Devils' disappointment continued when Jaumari Bogan returned a punt 78-yards for a touchdown (TD) two minutes into the second quarter to give the Farmers a 7-0 lead.

"It happens! He's a great player, one of the best players in the county. Again, you just got to take it. You can't quit. You can't put your heads down. You got to keep it up and keep fighting," Ondi said.

"We knew it was still early. We wanted to try to eliminate big plays, and we didn't do that today," O'Rourke said.

The Blue Devils did come back

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BATTLING ALONG THE SIDELINES...Raider Erin Pierce, No. 7, and Cougar Danielle Jakubik, No. 4, battle for possession of the ball as they dash down the sideline at Memorial Field in Cranford.

SMITH TIES IT, MARCOTULLIO NETS WINNER IN O.T.

Soccer Lady Blue Devils Sting GL Highlanders in O.T., 2-1

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Hampered by illness, credit must be given to the overall Blue Devil team's performance, which swiftly and consistently butted the ball into Highlander territory, especially later in the game. At the end, a timely shot by Amanda Marcotullio in overtime was what it took for the 7-1, 15th-ranked Westfield High School girls soccer team to get past previously unbeaten (8-1-1) Governor Livingston, 2-1, at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 4.

"Eight girls with the stomach flu yesterday and five of them starters. They told me they were all right and I trusted them. They went out there, and we looked slow and real sluggish," Blue Devil Head Coach Alex Schmidt said.

"I thought we started extremely well the first 18 minutes. We had them on their back foot, pinned them deep several times and had the majority of possession. They just did not look comfortable; they did not look like they were settled," Highlander Head Coach Mike Roof said.

With the exception of a five-minute offensive flurry, the Highlanders dominated early in the first half. Their efforts were rewarded in the ninth minute on a 25-yard back-flick by a Blue Devil defender.

From that point on, the Blue Devils mounted a vicious assault and never let up until Mercedes Smith, on an assist from Vicki Gagliano, ripped in

the first goal in the 62nd minute of the second half.

"I kind of ran out in space," said Smith. "Vicki Gagliano made a great pass; I just turned around, shot and the ball went right inside the right corner of the net. We had a lot of chances down their by the goal, (19 to 3) we just kept on pushing forward, which was nice to see."

"Well done for Governor Livingston! They jumped on us, they were in our end, pressing us and we could not get out of our own end. A back-flick by our defender into our goal gave them the goal. The girls woke up after that and I told the girls that I was happy with them in the locker room," Coach Schmidt said.

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SETTLING THE MOVEMENT OF THE BALL...Blue Devil Jake Heroux, No. 7, uses his chest to settle the ball as Cougars George El-Khoury, No. 6, and Jake Waleski, No. 12, move in.

SMITH NAILS PAIR OF GOALS, KRONICK KICKS ONE

Soccer Blue Devils Wake Up With 3-0 Win over Cougars

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Three days after head coach George Kapner was awarded his 1,000th varsity victory when forward Henry Smith nailed the winning goal in double overtime to defeat 10th ranked Kearny, 2-1, Smith snapped the Westfield High School boys soccer team out of a daydream with a pair of first-half goals that led to a 3-0 victory over Cranford at Orange Avenue Field in Cranford on October 4.

"I was excited for him and our team, because if we lost that, it wouldn't look good if we were 3-5. They were 10 in the state, so obviously, that was a big win," Smith said.

The Cougars had just come off a 4-1 victory over undefeated, 7-0 Bernards but neither they nor the Blue Devils could establish a major offensive until Smith got position in the middle and ripped a right-footed shot into the left corner midway through the first half.

"Sam Eliades played a driven ball

into the middle of the field, and I took a good touch and played it in front of me. I cut on one kid then put it in on the left side of the goal," Smith explained.

Minutes before Smith's second goal, Cougar George El-Khoury launched a direct kick from 30 yards out, which had Blue Devil goalkeeper Joe Ohaus diving airborne to his left. The ball was wide.

With approximately 15 minutes remaining in the half, Smith got into

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OUTMANEUVERING A HIGHLANDER...Blue Devil Catherine Kerr, front, tries to outmaneuver a Governor Livingston Highlander defender in Westfield on October 4. The Blue Devils won, 2-1, in overtime.

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Soccer Lady Raiders Stop Cranford Cougars, 3-0

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a direct kick from the left side over a defender's head. Vanbuskirk closed in and slid the ball past Quinn for the score with 7:40 remaining in the half.

"Julie Glover hit a beautiful cross from the left side across the box to the right side. It went right over the top of the defender's head. The goalie was coming to get it, and I slid it past the goalie into the back corner," Vanbuskirk said.

The Raiders' constant aggressiveness in the first half gave the Cougars' offense little opportunity to get off a shot on goal.

"We were all packed in. We kept jumping in to get it. We learned that we have to take more shots, and we have to spread the field a lot more, attack and take advantage of all our opportunities," Canone said.

"We played Summit the other day. We tied. Unfortunately, we couldn't finish. We had a million opportunities, so that's what we were working on today. I think we showed that we capitalized on our opportunities," Vanbuskirk said.

With a large number of substitu-

tions in the second half, the Raiders still dictated the tempo.

"On games when we are up a lot, we try to get everyone in the game, so everyone gets an opportunity. Of course when new people come on, it got a little messy, but we stayed in there and did not let any goals," Vanbuskirk said.

The Raiders' defense did receive some pressure from the Lady Cougars but rose to the occasion and rejected any serious penetration.

"We have been playing really well defensively. Today, Alyssa Riperti was hurt, so Jodi Cornell came in and played a great game. Christy Monroy cleared out and Avi Shadmi were our main defenders. They are doing a great job. The first half, we kept it in there [Cranford territory]. The defense did their part. We [offense] fell apart a little bit in the second half. We got a little too confident and started becoming flatfooted, so the defense got a little more of the action," Vanbuskirk said.

Sc. Pt.-Fanwood	3	0	3
Cranford	0	0	0



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
BLUE DEVIL CAPTAINS...Pictured, left to right, are: Kaitlyn Johnson, Sara Shields and Abbie Goldring, who are the tri-captains of the gymnastics team.

Cougar Gymnasts Edge Blue Devils, 108.1-107.25

Four days after coming in second behind Cranford at the Cougar Classic Invitational, the Westfield High School gymnastics team lost to the Cranford Cougars in an exciting and much closer meet, 108.1-107.25, at Westfield High School on October 4.

Although it was the Blue Devils' highest team total of the season, they fell to 4-2, losing to two schools ranked in the top 10 in the state. Cranford remained unbeaten at 6-0.

The Blue Devils got a boost from a few competitors starting to return to the lineup after missing meets due to injuries, including Lindsay Ripperger who competed on uneven bars after missing all of the 2010 season and the first five meets of the 2011 season.

Cougar Alexandra Puryear took top all-around honors with a 36.9, followed by teammate Mary Kate Walch at 36.3. Blue Devil freshman Jenna Rizkalla had a 34.85. Walch took top all-around honors in the vault with a 9.45. Rizkalla was second at 9.325 and Puryear was third at 9.2. Blue Devil freshman Hannah Goldring scored a 9.0. Blue Devils Christana Psychojos and Kelly Vasel had scores of 8.5. Cougars Emily Grable and Casey Sciascia had scores of 8.65.

Puryear took first on the uneven bars with a 9.3, followed by Blue Devil sophomore Abby Cook at 8.75, Walch at 8.725 and Ripperger at 8.625. Blue Devil senior Kaitlyn Johnson scored an 8.6, and Cougar Sciascia scored an 8.4.

Cook captured first on the balance beam with a 9.55. Puryear was second at 9.45 and Walch was third at 8.875. Cougar Sara LoBue was fourth with an 8.8. Psychojos scored an 8.75 and Hannah Goldring had an 8.725.

Cook also took first on the floor exercise with a 9.55, followed by Walch at 9.25. Blue Devil senior Sara Shields and Grable tied for third at 9.15. Puryear had an 8.95 and Vasel had an 8.725.

WF Booster Sets Booster Button Day

This Saturday Sunday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16, is Westfield High School Booster Button Day. Buttons will be available in downtown Westfield. The contributions from the community will help support the scholarships, improvements to the fields and our Westfield High School teams.

Soccer Blue Devils Topple Lady Highlanders, 2-1

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The Blue Devils continued to mount a constant invasion of the GL domain. The Highlanders had troubles marking and appeared to run out of steam as regulation came to a close.

"The last 20, just domination and we put on a lot of pressure. Soccer is about being patient and being composed. At halftime, we were the better team, we had more possessions and we were unlucky. We put it on ourselves; just be patient, let's be composed and keep doing what we did the last 20 minutes. The entire second half you saw more of that. GL, one-after-one, girls going out exhausted, getting hurt and it was the pressure that we kept up on them. This is the first time we have been down and came back and tied it and then overtime games, it's real quick, it's one goal, it goes either way. The girls have to find that will to win it," Coach Schmidt said.

The overtime period featured an ongoing Blue Devil offensive fury. Finally, with two minutes off the clock, Marcotullio whizzed the game-winning shot into the upper right hand corner of the net.

"We were pumped the entire day; we wanted this so bad and go undefeated in our conference. We knew from the beginning we had to pound them and were able to get our shots

off," said Marcotullio. As to the goal, just a few seconds before the play coach said to me, 'Amanda, run up and stand near-post.' I did. The ball kept bobbling around; I saw an opportunity got on it and drilled it. I could not believe it. It went in!"

"You put on enough pressure; you put girls into situations where they are going to have to do difficult things and we got that unfortunate own goal. After that, they settled into their game, they started knocking the ball around, keeping their triangles and passing well. They showed the second half of the first half, they got in control of most of the possessions, but my girls hung in really well. They compete, defended well for long stretches. Unfortunately when you do this for long stretches you are going to get tired, and that is going to catch up to you in the end," Coach Roof said.

"We held our own against Westfield, which obviously is a very good team. Definitely the best game we played all season. We matched up to their level as best as we could. As to the goal, I got a full hand on it but we were not able to clear it out before their player put it in. I just could not hold on to it," commented GL keeper Casey Krausse.

Gov. Livingston	1	0	0	1
Westfield	0	1	1	2

Somerville Pioneers Burn Raider Footballers, 17-14

There is a saying, "if it weren't for bad luck, they would have no luck at all." They, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team, were clinging to a 14-10 lead until Pioneer Patrick Manna rumbled into the end zone with 2:25 remaining to give Somerville a 17-14 victory in Somerville on October 6.

Adding insult to injury, the Raiders had an opportunity to tie the score when John Murphy set up to attempt a 37-yard field goal. Unfortunately for the Raiders, Murphy's attempt was blocked by Pioneer Bill Schwartz with five seconds on the clock.

The 0-5 Raiders scored first when wide receiver Matt Jegede turned a reception from quarterback Steve Alleman into a 54-yard touchdown in the first quarter. Murphy kicked the point after to make the score, 7-

0. Alleman, who was sacked once, completed seven of 18 passes. Jegede finished with two receptions.

The Pioneers tightened the score with a 29-yard field goal in the second quarter. The Pioneers scored a touchdown on an 81-yard pass play, and Raider running back Anthony Byers scored on a 17-yard touchdown run, and Murphy added the point after to make the score, 14-10. Byers finished with 127 yards rushing on 28 carries.

Defensively for the Raiders, linebacker Andrew Miller recorded 11 tackles. Jegede had nine tackles, while linebacker Anthony Lettieri and defensive back Tyree Singeltary each had seven tackles. Linebacker John Cunningham had six tackles, lineman Billy Castore had five tackles, and lineman Jordan Dagostaro added a quarterback sack.

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Cougars Topple Highlanders In Big Play Grid Game, 44-20

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Seven big offensive plays and four key defensive plays set up all the scoring in a showdown between the Governor Livingston (GL) Highlanders and the hosting Cranford High School football team at Memorial Field on October 6.

Quarterback Reggie Green had touchdown (TD) runs of 73 yards, 74 yards and five yards, respectively, to total 227 yards rushing and added a 43-yard TD strike to wide receiver Ryan Williamson to lead the 5-0 Cougars to a 44-20 victory.

The Cougars totaled 339 yards on the ground, and Green completed four of six passes, all to Williamson, for 52 yards. Running back Chris Witwick carried four times for 52 yards, which included a 39-yard TD sprint. Fullback JP Christiano bashed 25 yards on seven carries, including a one-yard TD run. Adham McGuire had five carries for 27 yards, and Jim Dwyer had three carries for 21 yards in the fourth quarter.

Cougar defensive linebackers Mike Klimek and Nick Diaz, along with the defensive line, held the Highlanders to 64 rushing yards in the first half and only 34 in the second half on 36 total carries. The Cougars did get stung twice on TD receptions of 59 yards and 68 yards by wide receiver Mike Murphy. GL quarterback Rendyll Moorman completed seven of 10 passes for 174 yards, but Klimek

intercepted one of his attempts.

"Our defense is the backbone of our season, and we stepped up. They put a 20 spot on the board, but we responded well when adversity came. When they tried to get the momentum, we stopped them cold," Klimek said.

On GL's first possession, after he recorded a five-yard sack, Diaz partially blocked a punt that rolled dead on the Cougar 27. Lightning struck immediately! On the very first play, Green saw the light, slipped through the middle of the GL line and headed down the right sideline for his 73-yard TD with 7:57 left in the first quarter. Troy Kettler kicked the first of his six points after.

"The first one, I did an outside sweep and faked it. We saw over the middle it was wide open, and there was great blocking on that play. I cut to the hole and was able to score," Green explained.

Klimek thwarted a GL drive when he tossed running back Andrew Romeo for a four-yard loss, but a good punt came to rest on the Cranford 12-yard line. Three plays later, from the 26, Green pushed through the middle, was temporarily stalled, but he broke free and sprinted for 74 yards for a TD with 1:30 on the clock.

"The second one was an up-the-middle play, and I thought that I was going to get stuffed. Then Jeff Weiss came and made a great block. I got around there and I got the score," Green explained.

Next, GL pulled out the big play. Moorman threw a pass to Murphy down the right sideline. Green got a hand on it, but the ball landed in Murphy's hands, which resulted in the 59-yard TD reception with 11:48

left in the half.

Opportunity knocked again when the Highlanders recovered a botched pitchout at the Cranford 29. Four plays later, Romeo bashed three yards for the TD. The two-point conversion pass to Justin Ennis tied the score with 7:25 on the clock.

Diaz added a 12-yard sack forcing GL to punt from its end zone, but the snap sailed over the punter's head and out of the end zone for a safety. The Cougars got possession on the GL 43 and quickly took advantage when Green hit Williamson down the right side for the TD to make the score, 23-14.

"At first, we were going to go to Witwick, but coach told me to change it up and throw the outside route. I saw that the corner wasn't playing really well on Williamson, so I threw a good ball, and Williamson made a good catch to score for six," Green said.

Klimek blocked a GL punt early in the third quarter at the 12-yard line. Five plays later, Christiano plunged in from the one. But GL also responded quickly on a one-play, 68-yard TD pass to Murphy to make the score, 30-20, with 7:23 left in the third quarter.

"We were expecting them to pass, but I think it was just a coverage mistake, but we responded well after that. We got ourselves together and said, 'no more.' We shut them down for the rest of the second half," Klimek said.

Klimek was correct. Early in the fourth quarter, the Cougars scored on a six-play, 74-yard drive, which included an elusive 42-yard run and a five yard TD sprint from Green.

"Jimmy Dwyer made a great block

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ATTEMPTING TO GET THE UPPER STICK...Blue Devil Emily Mastrocola, left, and Cougar Lucy Allen attempt to get control of the ball. Mastrocola scored to give Westfield a 1-0 victory in Cranford.

MASTROCOLA SCORES SOLE GOAL WITH 7:48 LEFT

Blue Devils Find Mark, Stop Cougars in Field Hockey, 1-0

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Nearly impenetrable defensive play on the part of both teams kept goose eggs flickering on the scoreboard until Emily Mastrocola found the mark with 7:48 remaining in the game to give the Westfield High School field hockey team a 1-0 victory over Cranford at Memorial Field in Cranford on October 5.

The victory put both teams' records at 5-3 and could have an influence on the Union County Tournament's seeding set to begin later in the month.

"It's very important. They knew coming into this game that it would have a big effect on our record, a big effect on where we are going to be in counties. Having just come off a loss to ALJ [Johnson] and a loss to Oak Knoll, we needed this win. They got the job done," Blue Devil Assistant Coach Lauren Durante said.

The Lady Cougars just came off a 2-1, overtime victory over Summit, so a possible letdown may have been in the wind.

"We beat Summit yesterday. I think we played one of our better games. We were as intense as we have been and as clean and crisp as we have been all season. I think that was one of our concerns that if we were so high, the only other way to go was the opposite, so we tried to account for that. We talked it through, but I don't know whether it was because we went

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CRUNCHING A HIGHLANDER... Cougar defensive back Sean McGovern, No. 19, and linebacker JP Christiano, No. 36, flatten Highlander running back Ryan Jennings, No. 34, during a wild game at Memorial Field in Cranford on October 6. The Cougars won, 44-20.

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Blue Devils Stop Cougars in Field Hockey

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into overtime yesterday with fatigue setting in and just being mentally tough. We were a step behind today," Cougar Head Coach Jessica Berkowitz said.

Both defenses were extremely stingy, especially for most of the first half. But in the final two minutes of the half, the Blue Devils put on a surge to record three of their four penalty corners, which put pressure on Cougar goalie Jess McCoy and her defenders. Both teams were statistically even in the half with four shots at the goal and two stops by each goalkeeper. The Cougars had five penalty corners.

Parody continued until the final 13 minutes when the Blue Devils broke loose with a continuous offense assault. With 12:40 on the clock, Mastrocola seemingly scored, but the goal was negated due to a ball movement violation.

"It was really frustrating, because we worked really hard to get it down there," said Mastrocola, who said that center forward Meg Anderson, "carried it into the circle and passed it to me. I shot on goal and scored."

Five minutes later, Mastrocola won a scramble inside the circle and scored.

"We used our motivation to get another goal. We knew we could. It came

back off the goalie's pads, and I shot it in the corner," Mastrocola explained. "Sometimes it takes us a little while to warm up and get going. Once they finally did and they got that goal, and they got it taken away, I think they just could taste it. They needed to get it back. It was a really even game. It was back-and-forth, but I think we went after it, and we got what we wanted," Coach Durante said.

The Blue Devils added nine more penalty corners in the second half, and a large portion of the time, the girls would look to set up links Halsey Urban, who could pack a wicked shot.

"We have Halsey, but we have a lot of other good girls with good shots on the circle, so we tried to mix it up. Keep it a little surprising, so they don't know what's coming," Coach Durante said.

Links Meg Anderson was also in on the action. "She is quiet but deadly," Coach Durante noted.

The Cougars did have their opportunities also and put the Blue Devils' defense to the test where defenders Kelly Gray and Olivia Pecora were required to deflect several shots.

"Kelly came up a few times, way out and made some good saves. Olivia Pecora also came out a lot of times in the middle to get it out of the circle. We need them to mark up when we are in the circle and not leave anyone open to chance to get their stick on it," Coach Durante said.

"I think positively, if we see Westfield again, in our eyes, we all feel we played a pretty rough game today, so we would like to have revenge. At least, it was a good lesson to learn. We look forward to be able to play them again," Coach Berkowitz said.

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Blue Devil Boys Tie Farmers in Soccer

Junior forward Henry Smith, on an assist from Zach Scheil, scored to give the 6-4-1 Westfield High School boys soccer team a 1-1 tie with Union in Union on October 11. Lucas Terci scored for the 4-5-2 Farmers.

Blue Devil Girls Rap ALJ in Soccer, 3-0

The Westfield High School girls soccer team defeated AL Johnson, 3-0, in Westfield on October 11. Karli Sottung scored early in the first half and assisted Sarah Freer with her goal in the second half. Alexandra Tinfow, assisted by Jess Kenny, put in the third goal for the 9-1 Blue Devils.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MAKING THE NECESSARY GAINS...Blue Devil flanker Peter Ondi, No. 27, put big numbers up with eight receptions for 118 yards. His last reception set up the winning touchdown pass.

Blue Devils Bury Farmer Gridders, 37-35

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and drove 78 yards on 11 plays to knot the score with 4:43 on the clock. O'Rourke had a 24-yard run, Ondi had a 36-yard reception, Stravach had a 10-yard reception and Mitchell plunged one yard for the TD.

Defensive tackle Ryan Elliott stopped quarterback Doug Carter for no gain on the next series to force a punt. O'Rourke returned the punt from the Westfield 45 into Union territory. A facemask penalty gave Westfield possession on the Union 32. With 15 seconds left in the half, Jon Gribbin booted a 23-yard field goal, making the score, 10-7.

The Blue Devils held the 3-2 Farmers to just 33 total yards in the first half and allowed only 27 rushing yards to running back Bogan. But the situation changed drastically in the second half when Bogan amassed another 265 yards and four more TDs on 26 carries to finish with 292 yards rushing.

"They just stuffed it up the middle. We knew what to do, but he managed to pull it off somehow," Johnson said. "Their offensive line gave a great push, and once that kid gets going, he's not going to stop. He's got incredible speed," O'Rourke said.

Union marched 73 yards on 13 plays to take a 14-10 lead with 5:57 on the clock. Bogan accounted for 64 rushing yards. But Ondi received the ensuing kickoff and returned it 39

yards to the Union 39 where he was horse-collared. On the second play, Ondi made them pay with a 17-yard reception to the one, and Mitchell pushed in for the TD with 4:48 left in the third quarter.

"They were ready to play in the second half, and we weren't. You could see that from their first drive. They managed to ram it down our throat, but we knew we had to come right back. Pete gave us a great return right after, and that set things up," O'Rourke said.

It took just one play for the Farmers to retake the lead, 21-17, when Bogan cut through the middle and swerved down the left sideline for a 92-yard TD with 4:24 on the clock. But the seesaw bounced in the other direction, and Westfield drove 75 yards on eight plays for the next score when O'Rourke sprinted in from the five with 22 seconds left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Johnson made the first of his two fumble recoveries to give Westfield possession at the Union 28. Two plays later, Brendan Dugan ran 21 yards for the TD to give the Blue Devils what seemed to be a comfortable, 31-21, lead.

Later O'Rourke intercepted a pass after Johnson managed to tip it away from a Farmer receiver, then Johnson jarred a Farmer drive with his second recovered fumble.

both teams were battling to keep their composure.

"When you have games like this where it's a grinding match between two teams, you can't afford to go out. Everybody was struggling, cramping. It was hot. Everybody was going down, but our team was the one, who had more heart. Everybody tried to stay in and fight. Everybody, who was on the field did their jobs," Ondi said.

The Blue Devils got the job done. After a squib kick was recovered by Westfield, Mitchell (12 completions, 18 attempts, 162 yards) hit Ondi for 24 yards, Stravach for four yards and Ondi again for eight yards. After a five-yard penalty, Mitchell hit Ondi, who dove out of bounds at the Union 23 with seven seconds remaining. Stravach grabbed O'Rourke's pass just in front of the goal and made it a point to cross it.

"It was one of the craziest endings I have ever seen. It was a great win," Johnson said.

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Cougars Beat GL In Football, 44-20

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on that play. I tried to make my way through the defense. I thought that if I could weave, I could get in back of the defenders, and I could get down for a first down with a big gain," Green said.

Midway through the final quarter, Witwick hooked around the right side for a 39-yard TD run.

"5-0 sounds great, because there were a lot of people doubting us. It is the first time we were 5-0 in a long time, so it's great to be 5-0," Green said.

The Cougars will have a little time to preparing for a trip to face a strong Rahway team this Saturday at 1 p.m.

"It's good that we have a little extra time to prep for Rahway. I think we can take them down next week," Green said.

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Blue Devil Gymnasts Stop Union Farmers, 102.25-90.75

The Westfield High School gymnastics team bounced back from its loss to Cranford by defeating Union, 102.25-90.75, in Westfield on October 6. The Blue Devils moved to 5-2 on the season, while Union fell to 2-4. This was the third meet in seven days for the two teams. It was also the final regular-season home meet for senior Tri-Captains Kaitlyn Johnson, Sara Shields and Abbie Goldring.

Two gymnasts from Union achieved all-around scores. The Blue Devils did not have any gymnasts compete in all four events, so Farmer Brittany Buchanan took top all-around honors with a 31.975 and Sarah Goodyear was second at 31.8. Blue Devil sophomore Abby Cook won the vault with a 9.0, followed by teammates freshman Hannah Goldring at 8.65 and junior Kelly Vasel at 8.5. Buchanan had an 8.15. Farmer Talissa Trachtenberg scored an 8.0 and Goodyear had a 7.95.

Abby Cook also captured first on the uneven bars with a score of 8.875. Blue Devil freshman Jenna Rizkalla was second at 8.225 and junior Lindsay Ripperger was third at 7.975. Buchanan scored a 7.85 and Goodyear had a 7.65. Ripperger took first on balance beam with an 8.95, followed by Hannah Goldring at 8.475 and Rizkalla at 8.45. Goodyear scored a 7.95 and Buchanan scored a 7.75.

Vasel took top honors on the floor exercise with an 8.85. Goodyear and Buchanan placed 2-3 with respective scores of 8.25 and 8.225, followed by Blue Devils Johnson at 8.2 and sophomore Morgan McAllister

at 8.1. Trachtenberg scored a 7.8. The Blue Devils will be preparing for the upcoming Union County Tournament that will take place at Westfield on Friday, October 21.

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WRAPPING UP A HILLTOPPER...Westfield PAL B football team defensive players Aaron Coleman and Matt Varano wrap up a Summit running back as Kevin Brennan lends support.

Summit Grid Kids Stop Westfield PAL 'B', 13-6

The Westfield Pal B football team came up against a stingy Summit defense and an opportunistic offense to come up short, 13-6, on October 9. Westfield fell to 3-1-1 and will face Irvington this Sunday, October 16, at Kehler Stadium.

After stopping Summit on its first series, Westfield got a jolt from Kevin Brennan, who scampered 22 yards to the Summit 32. But Westfield could not capitalize and had to punt. Summit responded with a 12-play, 66-yard scoring drive. The point after (PAT) failed when Kyle Shirk deflected a pass in the end zone.

Before halftime, Summit intercepted a pass and punched in a touchdown two plays later. The PAT was good and the Hilltoppers, making the score 13-0.

Both teams were held scoreless

during the third quarter. The Blue Devils relied on key defensive contributions from Angus Applegarth, Dan Audino, Aaron Coleman, Kyle Dombroski, Matt Harris, Ian Humphrey, Jack Newhard, Cam Scalera and Matt Varano.

Westfield's defense forced a Summit punt early in the fourth quarter. The Blue Devils' offense returned and relied on the run, with Jake Kaplan, Owen Kessler, Cam McLaughlin, Conor Root and Brett Spass, providing the work up front. With a 58-yard dash by Ishmael Glasco and two carries by Kevin Brennan getting the ball to the Summit 2, Westfield rolled and Glasco then scored to cap the eight-play, 88 yard drive to cut the Summit lead to 13-6. Summit managed to run out the clock by grinding out three first downs.

Volleyball Blue Devils Top Roselle Catholic, 25-23, 25-20

The Westfield High School girls volleyball continued to improve its inter-county record with a strong win against the Roselle Catholic Lady Lions in Roselle on October 3.

Lady Raiders Upend V'ball Blue Devils

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girl volleyball team burned the Westfield Blue Devils in two games, 25-23 and 25-22, in Scotch Plains on October 6.

The strong play of Amanda Earl, Grace Antonelli, Courtney Weisse, Nicole Boretz and Kayla Rodrigues were not enough to overcome the Raiders. Earl led the offense with three aces eight service points and seven kills. Weisse had four blocks and two kills, and Bowen had five kills. On the back row, Boretz had two aces and three digs, Antonelli had seven digs and Elena Scarano had five digs.

won the first game, 25-23, and got a little stronger to win the second game, 25-20. The heads-up play of three seniors carried them through.

Senior Morgan Bowen was on fire with eight aces, 16 service points and eight kills. Senior Amanda Earl had a strong game as well, as she notched seven kills, four service points and three aces. Senior Grace Antonelli got back into the lineup and excelled. She played fantastic at libero with an ace, five service points and 10 digs. Antonelli was injured with a concussion and forced to spend the last few weeks watching from the bench.

Junior middle Courtney Weisse controlled the net with three kills and two blocks. Additionally, the Lady Blue Devils received alert play from Kayla Rodrigues, who had 16 assists, and Elena Scarano, who scooped eight digs. Summing it up, the Blue Devils served well, passed well and were aggressive from the net. The victory upped their record to 6-3 with only one loss in Union County.



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DEP Develops Fast, General Permit

TRENTON — The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has developed a new permit to make it easier for facilities such as small to moderate-size manufacturers, office complexes, apartment complexes, hospitals and schools to turn energy used for heating into electricity.

This cogeneration technology uses waste exhaust heat to generate electricity. The permit covers new combined heat and power facilities up to about five megawatts. Larger projects must still apply for facility-specific air permits. The technology that is used must still meet the state's tough standards for pollution controls. These standards are included in the conditions of the general permit. Applications can be made online and construction can begin immediately if all the conditions of the permit are met and local approvals have been obtained.

In addition to promoting solar and wind energy as part of a diversified energy portfolio, the Christie Administration's Draft Energy Master Plan calls for the development of 1,500 megawatts of combined heat and power generation over the next decade.

See the Air Permitting Program (APP) website at state.nj.us/dep/aapp/gp.html. Register online and e-mail form to Air_General_Permits@dep.state.nj.us for approval. Questions may be directed to the APP at (609) 633-2829.

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PIZZA PERFECT – Westfield's Casa di Pizza, located at 50 Elm Street, generously donated authentic Italian hors d'oeuvres and snacks for Westfield Symphony premium subscribers at the PNC Bank reception following Westfield Symphony Orchestra's season opener entitled "America the Brave." Pictured with Maestro David Wroe, center, are Casa di Pizza owners Dave Godleski, left, and Frank Popo. WSO's next performance is a Halloween Spooktacular presenting the 1929 movie "The Iron Mask" with a live symphonic soundtrack followed by monstrous orchestral favorites from Wagner's Ring Cycle. Concert will also feature Halloween costume contests for adults and children with cash prizes. For tickets and information go to www.westfieldsymphony.org.

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For all patients who wish to obtain their patient records, contact Dr. Shefali Patel-Jobanputra at 609-540-2224 or email her at drshrefalipatel@verizon.net.
3 T - 8/11/11, 9/8/11 & 10/13/11, The Leader Fee: \$32.13

Hazardous Waste, Propane Tanks And Chemicals to be Collected

RAHWAY — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, October 29, for unwanted household chemicals, mercury thermostats, propane tanks, and automobile tires. The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rahway Intermediate School, located at the corner of Madison and Westfield Avenues in Rahway.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection. All that residents need to do is drive to the site with their household special waste and workers at the site will unload the vehicles. "Household special waste" includes oil-based-paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), blood pressure devices, and mercury switches. Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons will be accepted.

Latex (water-based) paint and empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of in with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can

be added to hasten the drying. There is also a limit of eight automobile tires (without rims) per household.

Union County, in partnership with Covanta Energy, also includes mercury thermostats in its household waste recycling initiative. A complete list of the materials that will be accepted is available at tcnj.org/recycle.

The household hazardous waste collection will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required. For more information, call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

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Mount Saint Mary Academy To Hold Open House

WATCHUNG – Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, October 23, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. All sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls and their families are invited to attend. Formal presentations will take place at 1:30 and 3 p.m.



Mount Saint Mary Academy

Open House is an opportunity for prospective families to learn more about what makes the Mount one of the top all-girls high schools in New Jersey. Attendees will take guided tours through the school's campus; meet with faculty, administration, and students; and receive information regarding the school's academic, athletic, and extra-curricular offerings. The Mount's 80-acre, fully wired campus includes high tech science labs, a state-of-the-art library-media center, and a new track and field complex.

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Additional details can also be found on the Mount website at www.mountsaintmary.org

The Mount's students come from eight counties in 80 different New Jersey communities. One hundred percent of Mount students are accepted into college and in 2011, graduates attended schools including Brown University, Duke University, Harvard University, and Georgetown University.

Registration is now open for the Mount's entrance exam scheduled for Saturday, November 5. For more information on the test or Open House, please contact Donna Toryak, Director of Admissions, at (908) 757-0108 ext. 4506 or

Mount Saint Mary Academy is an independent, Catholic school which provides an exemplary college preparatory education for young women in grades 9 through 12. Founded in 1908 as a sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy, the Mount remains committed to challenging each student to develop her fullest potential in a Christian atmosphere of love and caring.

If you would like more information on this topic, please contact Lisa Longo Johnston, Mount Saint Mary Academy Director of Communications, at (908) 757-0108 ext. 5004 or ljohnston@mountsaintmary.org



WORLD PEACE...St. Agnes School in Clark participated in the Whirled Peace project, which has over 3.5 million pinwheels spinning in more than forty countries around the world. Pictured are students from the 8th grade class with the pinwheels they created.

St. Agnes School Participates in 'Whirled Peace' Project

CLARK – On September 21, the International Day of Peace, students from all grades at St. Agnes School in Clark created pinwheels in honor of world peace.

Art teacher Lina Crincoli displayed the work of art in front of the school. The display featured a sun design made from the pinwheels, representing new hope. The center of the design had a Flag of Hero's in remembrance of September 11.

over 3.5 million pinwheels spinning in more than forty countries around the world. The project has been a huge success for art advocacy, uniting schools, and communities. "Pinwheels for Peace" is part of anti-bullying and anti-violence campaigns.

The Whirled Peace project has

Fanwood Presbyterian Posts Ticket Sales For Messiah

FANWOOD – Plans are under way for Handel's *Messiah*, the Christmas portion, to be presented at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 4, at 4 p.m.

Tom Berdos, director of music, will direct the choir of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, joined by members of several other local houses of worship, along with several well-known soloists and a small orchestra. "We are thrilled to have the participation of about 40 singers for this presentation," he said. "We confidently expect a sell-out crowd."

He said \$20 tickets will be on sale beginning Saturday, October 15. For information, call (908) 889-8891, extension no. 17. To order tickets, send a check payable to the Fanwood Pres-

byterian Church, memo *Messiah*, with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to: Fanwood Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 69, Fanwood, N.J. 07023.

Designations as a Patron of this *Messiah* performance are available. Patrons will receive two tickets and their names will be printed in the event program. To become a Patron, send \$75 and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address.

The church is located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues in Fanwood, with parking off LaGrande Avenue. For further information about the church, call the office at (908) 889-8891.

e-mail fanwoodpress@erols.com or visit facebook.com/pages/Fanwood-Presbyterian Church/311300160969.

PTA Fall Festival Set For Saturday

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Annual Mountainside PTA Fall Festival will take place this Saturday, October 15, from noon to 4 p.m., rain or shine. It will take place at Deerfield School, located at 302 Central Avenue in Mountainside.

There will be rides, games, amusements, music, food, face painting, spin art and other activities. Local vendors and craft vendors will sell their goods.

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WHS Senior Scores Home Run for Charity

WESTFIELD – Westfield High School senior Dan Berke has reached the \$20,000 mark in donations to charities resulting from baseball games he has coordinated for the last six years. Dan's work on the fundraiser begins in July and ends in September when the annual game is held.

In addition to the entry fee Dan charges the players, he organizes a raffle with donations from local businesses as well as a silent auction. Approximately 75 – 100 people have attended or participated in the baseball game every year, with teams composed of friends and parents. Police officers challenged the student players two of the six years. Every year a different charity was chosen based on recommendations Dan would receive.

This year, close to \$5,000 was raised for Furniture Assist, which provides furnishings for those in need in the local area. When asked what made him continue the fundraiser every year, Dan replied, "It has become a really nice experience because in the beginning I did it primarily because I thought it would be good for college, but in the fourth year, when I dedicated the funds for the Friends of Jacqueline, I met Jac, who was struggling with cancer. She started an organization that matched cancer kids with college



BIG SUCCESS...Dan Berke is congratulated by Principal Peter Renwick for his success in raising approximately \$20,000 over the past six years for various charities through his Daniel's Charity Softball Game event.

sports teams. The teams would adopt a kid and cheer them on and help them get through hard times, and the kid would inspire the team. Thanks to Jac, the cancer victims who had no one else but a parent to rely on now had a support system of 30 college kids. My outlook really changed after that. I realized that what I was doing, was affecting people. It was not about me anymore."

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD
2011 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE
As indicated on the map on the reverse side, the Town is divided into ten leaf collection areas: **Areas 1-6** on the **North side** and **7-10** on the **South side**.

Collection will begin simultaneously on the North and South sides on October 24 and expected to continue through December 2nd. No leaves will be permitted to be raked/blown out into the street after this date.

No leaves will be permitted in the streets until Saturday October 15.

Collection will begin in Area 1 on the North side, and Area 7 on the South side and proceed in numerical order.

HOW RESIDENTS CAN HELP
We emphasize that the success of any leaf collection program is due, in large part, to the cooperation of residents. The Town encourages the use of biodegradable leaf bags for residents who wish to have leaves picked up. Bagging leaves helps the Town comply with the NJ Stormwater regulations and will aid in keeping our streets clean during leaf season. Following are the ways in which you can help: Before raking leaves to the street, check the map to find out which area you are in and call the "Leaf Hotline" (789-4120) to determine when the crews will be in your area. This will minimize the amount of time leaf piles are on the street.

Residents employing landscapers are required to inform them of the collection schedule and must fill out the coupon on the back of this flyer so their landscapers can enter the Conservation Center. **This permit can be used up until December 16.** As mentioned above, **No leaves will be permitted in the streets until Saturday October 15.**

Tree branches, grass or other debris are not accepted at the Union County compost facilities and piles containing anything other than leaves **will not be picked up.**

Leaves should be placed in narrow rows along the street, leaving a space along the gutter for drainage. This will help minimize local flooding during rains. Do not pile leaves on or near drainage inlets, which can lead to local flooding.

Note: Leaves cannot be placed closer than ten (10) feet from any inlet.

Keep vehicles off the streets during collection days to avoid interference with leaf collection crews.

CAUTION! Do Not Park Cars Over Leaf Piles. Hot exhaust systems can ignite the leaves and cause a car fire. Also, leaves cannot be picked up if a car is in the way.

After December 2nd, residents must either place their leaves in BIODEGRADABLE BAGS ONLY at the curb for pickup service (See pickup service information in brochure), or take them to the Conservation Center. If you ignore the schedule and guidelines you will be placing the Town in violation of State Stormwater Regulations. In addition, you will be in violation of Westfield Town Code Sections 33-21, 24-1 and 33-5. The Town Code Sections can be enforced by way of violation notice and fines/penalties.

OTHER LEAF DISPOSAL OPTIONS
In order to further maximize service, the Town offers residents two other leaf disposal options:

Pickup Service. Residents will be allowed to place their leaves in BIODEGRADABLE BAGS ONLY at the curb for pickup service. Residents can purchase the biodegradable bags from any Home Center. Bags will be picked up curbside by the Town DPW, via the **Leaf Hotline (789-4120).** Please leave your message after the recording including your home address.

Conservation Center. From **October 11 to December 16** (weather permitting) the Conservation Center will be open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for any residents who want to dispose of their leaves directly. Landscapers serving Westfield residents may also haul leaves to the Center during this period, provided they have the required coupon signed by the resident. **The Town Conservation Center will be closed on the following municipal holidays (Columbus Day-October 10, Veterans Day-November 11, Thanksgiving-November 24 & 25).**

Please note: The Conservation Center will be open during the winter on the following Saturdays: January 7, 14, 21 and March 10 & 24 from **11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., weather permitting.**

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Arts & Entertainment

Alliance Repertory Theater's *Something in the Air* Proves Greed Never Goes Out of Style

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

EDISON - Contemporary theater usually speaks of topics and issues that plague our culture. Alliance Repertory Theater is always on the cutting edge of timeliness in the selection of their shows. *Something in the Air* by Richard Dresser, a two-act play that opened this past weekend at the Edison Valley Playhouse, zeroes in on America's ubiquitous need for money and reveals the power of greed in every man.

Playwright Dresser said in an online Q and A in Dramatic Publishing.com that "Greed never goes out of style." And his play, in the style of film noir, is about what happens when a decent man buys into a "sure-fire" insurance investment. The term film noir (French for "black film") was named for its downbeat subject matter: crime, double crosses, femme fatales and the presentation of the seedy side of life.

"I was watching those great forties movies about decent men swept up in

a dizzying web of corruption, seduced by beautiful women, played out against a stark urban landscape and ultimately fighting for survival," the playwright said. "That kind of highly theatrical approach seemed perfect for what I wanted to write about: a culture obsessed with quick and easy money."

Something in the Air is more spoof in its execution than pure film noir format. It is grotesquely funny while offering a fresh look at the way people make decisions based on twisted values. Robert Scott Sullivan plays Walker, a man who—on the requisite "dark and stormy night"—has hit rock bottom in his life and staggers into what he thinks is a doctor's office.

Neville (John Correll), really a shady power broker, offers Walker a "can't-miss" financial opportunity, which, you guessed it, misses. Specifically, Walker gets into a guaranteed investment scheme to buy a terminally ill man's life-insurance policy. Walker merely needs to pay the man's bills before he dies and wait for the inevitable to happen to collect the windfall.

It is a diabolically brilliant plan except for the sticky wicket fact that Cram (Gus Ibranyi) does not die. Complicating things, instead of seeing the ill man only as an investment, Walker befriends the sickly, mean-spirited Cram. Meanwhile, our schnook of a main character Walker falls in love with a hooker named Sloane (Liz Samuel).

He dimwittedly sees a future with Sloane and buys her an expensive engagement ring that hurls her into the arms of depression. Imagine that. When Cram inexplicably starts to get well, Walker's desperation for his investment to pay off grows, so he hires a highly moral Pollyanna, Ms. Holloway, a registered nurse (Kelly Maizenaski) and plays mind games with her to get her to poison Cram under the delusion of being a compassionate person who is merely

helping this poor man die with dignity.

Director Michael Driscoll, as usual, has picked a quirky, little-known work that is bizarrely delicious. It's a vehicle that allows his five actors to play deadpan, break into madness and just basically have a great time playing these weird characters. Veteran actor John Correll has a number of hilariously dark lines that he milks like a small-time Kansas farmer on his morning rounds in the cow barn.

Mr. Correll is especially droll in the country club dining room scene in which he gloats that a spear of asparagus costs \$75. Main character Robert Scott Sullivan, in Walker's fake cashmere coat, is an interesting leading man. A cross between Cliff Clavin and Norm from TV's "Cheers," he sports old-fashioned glasses, a crew cut type hairdo, baggy pants and embraces bumbling idiot mannerisms. Although we want to slap him silly at first, as he gets sucked into depths of immoral behavior, we start to see him through slightly more forgiving eyes.

Liz Samuel's character Sloane is truly psychotic and when she talks about her brother, we wonder if she's going to be taken away in a straight jacket right then and there. The playwright's raw look at pathetic human condition is magnified in the character of Cram, played to a tee by Mr. Ibranyi who looks possessed early on and has a diabolical laugh that should be recorded to scare away pesky trick or treaters on Halloween night.

The most gloriously played role is portrayed brilliantly by Kelly Maizenaski as nurse Holloway, who has a high-pitched voice and a buoyancy of spirit that makes one think she's on some of her patients' mood elevators. What she's able to do with the character's transformation sets Ms. Maizenaski in a lofty class by herself.

Unfortunately, with Dresser's film noir genre, the numerous scene changes become laborious even though crew and/or actors hustle to make them fly. Perfect musical interludes selected by director Driscoll aid the blackout voids, but the intimate stage could have been better arranged so that only Ed Pearson's lighting could affect one second location changes.

The resolution to the play is a bit too easy with everything tied up like bows on birthday presents, so do not go expecting to see a spectacular morality play. Go to see some pretty spectacular acting.

AT A GLANCE: *Something in the Air* presented by The Alliance Repertory Theater at the Edison Valley Playhouse, 2191 Oak Tree Road, Edison, N.J. 08820. For ticket reservations, call (908) 755-4654.



DON'T BE LATE...Roosevelt Intermediate School students Julian Mazzola, Jessica Zimmermann and Isabella Gelfand rehearse for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The show runs October 21, 22 and 23.

Roosevelt to Present *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

WESTFIELD - Roosevelt Intermediate School will present a modern version of the classic story, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Adapted from Lewis Carroll's beloved novel, the show follows Alice as she journeys through a bizarre and hilarious world where big is small, flowers talk, and the tea parties are "mad."

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22. There also will be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, October 23.

"We are taking an old-fashioned classic and bringing it to 2011," said the show's director, Kimberly Jonny, who is also a drama and public speaking teacher at Roosevelt. Ms. Jonny said that she and the cast are updating the show to make it even more fun for modern-day audiences. "Don't be surprised if you hear a little Justin Bieber!" she added.

A portion of the show's proceeds will go to Brookside Place Elementary School in Cranford, which was heavily damaged by the flooding associated with Hurricane Irene.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland stars a cast of talented Roosevelt 6th, 7th and 8th graders, including: Jessica Zimmermann as Alice, Frank Guerriero as the White Rabbit, Madeline Hudelson as the Mouse, Alison Jaruzelski as the Mock Turtle, Rachel Mattessich as Lory, Annie Condodina as the Dodo, Alexandra Jackman as the Red Queen, Isabella Gelfand as the Queen of Hearts, Sarah Boyle as the Caterpillar, Kate Helander as the Duchess, Margaux Natiello as the Cook, Allie Safanov as the Cheshire Cat, Jason Starita as Tweedledee, Alex Campbell as Tweedledum, Blake Fallon as the Mad Hatter, Jack Ritter as the March Hare, Alex Frisch as the Dormouse, and Sara Frankel as the White Queen.

Other featured cast members include Liam Kudlick, Abbie Hurvitz, Julian Mazzola, Eve Crandall, Pamela Burke, Greta Crandall,

Madelyn Metzger, Maddie Kevelson, Chrissy Harvey and Sidharth Eleswarapu. Also appearing are Grace Ascione, Lauren Brumfield, Samantha Greenaway, Grace Mastronardi, Gianna Morrello, Victoria Napolitano, Nicole Sollazzo and Alex Vitale.

Roosevelt Intermediate School's production of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, is fun for kids of all ages, and sure to draw a large crowd. Tickets are reserved seating. So, as the White Rabbit might say, "Oh, Dear! Don't be late! Get your tickets now!"

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, contact Judy Augustino at judyandalan1@verizon.net. In addition, Roosevelt students will be able to purchase tickets during lunch periods on the Thursday and Friday before the show.

All shows will be performed on the main stage of Roosevelt Intermediate School, which is located at 301 Clark Street in Westfield. Refreshments will be sold before the show and during intermission.

AT A GLANCE: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* presented by Roosevelt Intermediate School can be seen Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22 at 7:30. There also will be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, October 23.

Westfield Art Association to Host Artist Liz Demaree

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Art Association's next meeting/demonstration will be on Sunday, October 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. Artist Liz Demaree will demonstrate manuscript illumination. The meeting is open to the public and takes place in the Community Room at 425 E. Broad Street in Westfield and is accessible by a ramp for the disabled. Refreshments will be served.

Liz Demaree will demonstrate manuscript illumination in a way similar to the way medieval books of hours were produced in the 12th-15th century.

After a brief overview with illustrations of various kinds of illumination throughout the ages, she will show how oak gall ink was made and the gold leafing process. Historically correct pigments and gum arabic will be painted on calfskin, as opposed to using watercolor from tubes. The different effects of various pigments, which are unlike modern paints, will also be shown.

Liz has studied Medieval Manuscript Illumination with Karen Gorst, who is affiliated with The Morgan Library, as well as the NY Center for Book Arts. Additionally she has taught workshops at the Baird Center in South Orange, The NJ Visual Arts Center and the Hunterdon Museum. She has also taught sixth graders for 5 years at The Far Brook School in Short Hills.



DEMONSTRATION...Artist Liz Demaree will demonstrate manuscript illumination in a way similar to the way medieval books of hours were produced in the 12th-15th century at the Westfield Art Association meeting/demonstration to be held on Sunday, October 16.



DEADLY DECISION...Nurse Holloway, (Kelly Malzenaski) who cares more about others than herself, wrestles with a dilemma of whether or not to speed up the terminally ill Cram's (Gus Ibranyi) death in *Something in the Air* by Richard Dresser. The two-act "film noir" play is presented weekends through the end of the month at Edison Valley Playhouse.

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